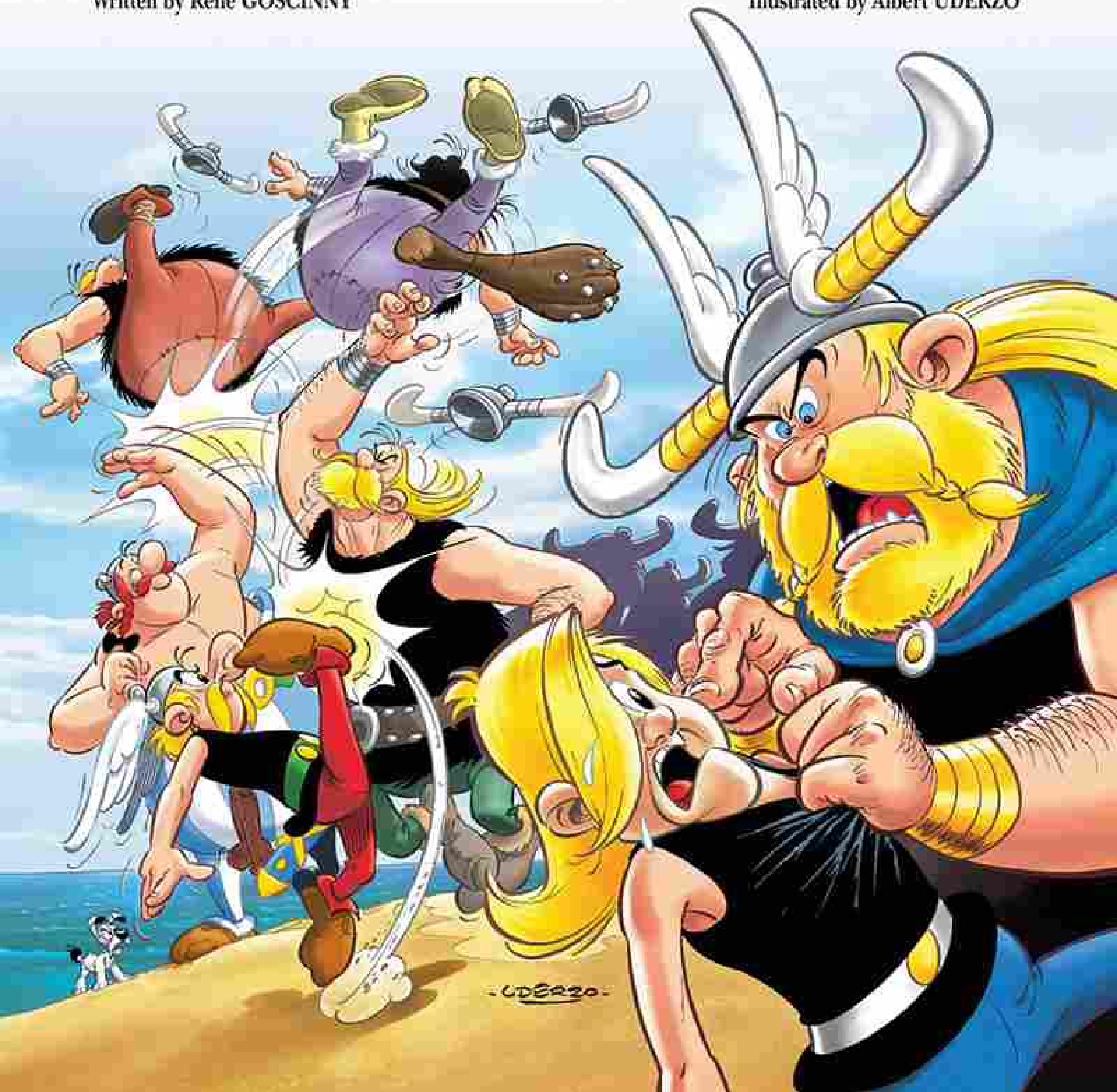


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THE YEAR IS 50 BC. GAUL IS ENTIRELY OCCUPIED BY THE ROMANS. WELL, NOT ENTIRELY ... ONE SMALL VILLAGE OF INDOMITABLE GAULS STILL HOLDS OUT AGAINST THE INVADERS. AND LIFE IS NOT EASY FOR THE ROMAN LEGIONARIES WHO GARRISON THE FORTIFIED CAMPS OF TOTORUM, AQUARIUM, LAUDANUM AND COMPENDIUM ...



ASTERIX, THE HERO OF THESE ADVENTURES. A SHREWD, CUNNING LITTLE WARRIOR, ALL PERILOUS MISSIONS ARE IMMEDIATELY ENTRUSTED TO HIM. ASTERIX GETS HIS SUPERHUMAN STRENGTH FROM THE MAGIC POTION BREWED BY THE DRUID GETAFIX . . .



OBELIX, ASTERIX'S INSEPARABLE FRIEND. A MENHIR DELIVERY MAN BY TRADE, ADDICTED TO WILD BOAR. OBELIX IS ALWAYS READY TO DROP EVERYTHING AND GO OFF ON A NEW ADVENTURE WITH ASTERIX - SO LONG AS THERE'S WILD BOAR TO EAT, AND PLENTY OF FIGHTING. HIS CONSTANT COMPANION IS DOGMATIX, THE ONLY KNOWN CANINE ECOLOGIST, WHO HOWLS WITH DESPAIR WHEN A TREE IS CUT DOWN.



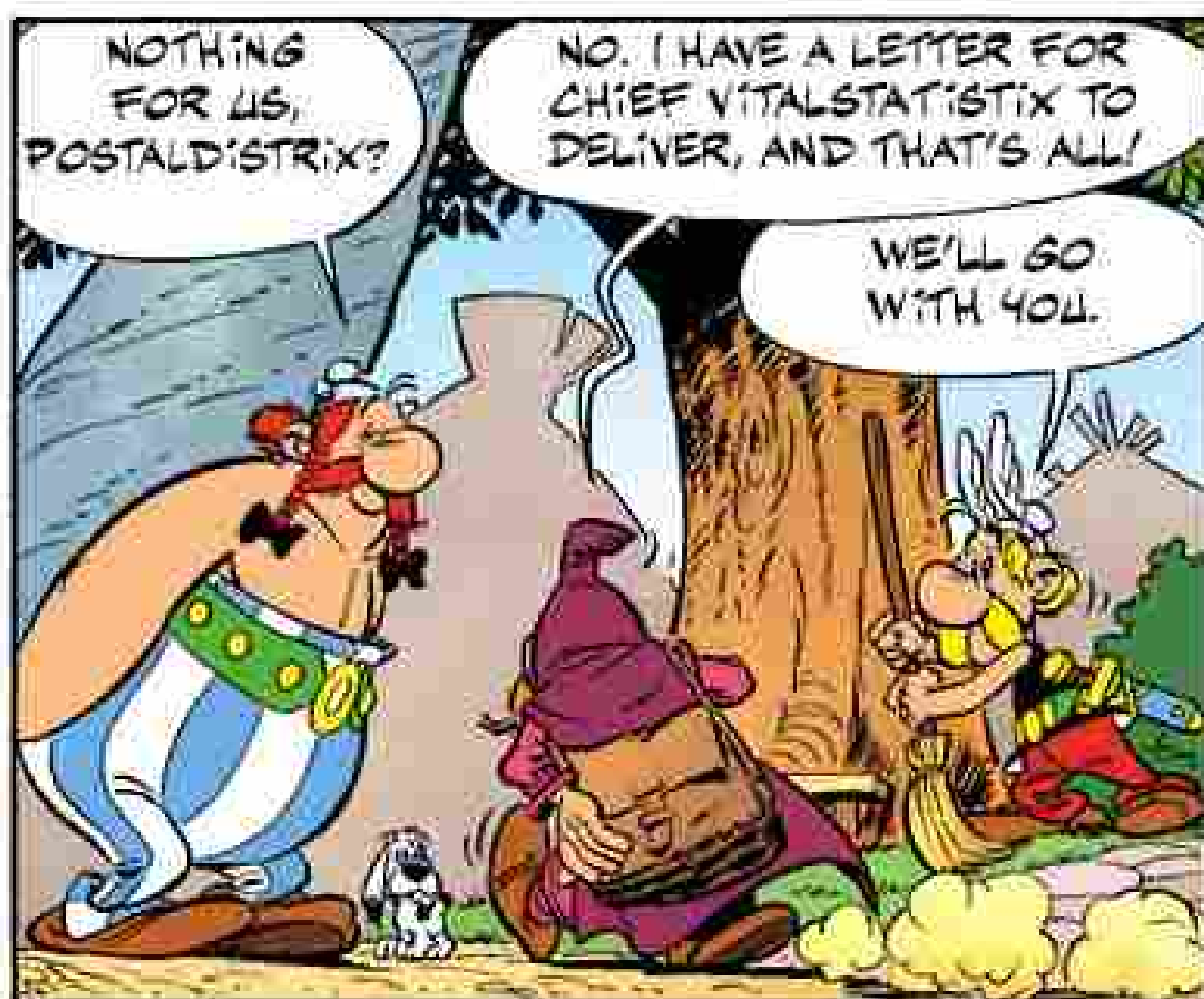
GETAFIX, THE VENERABLE VILLAGE DRUID, GATHERS MISTLETOE AND BREWS MAGIC POTIONS. HIS SPECIALITY IS THE POTION WHICH GIVES THE DRINKER SUPERHUMAN STRENGTH. BUT GETAFIX ALSO HAS OTHER RECIPES UP HIS SLEEVE . . .

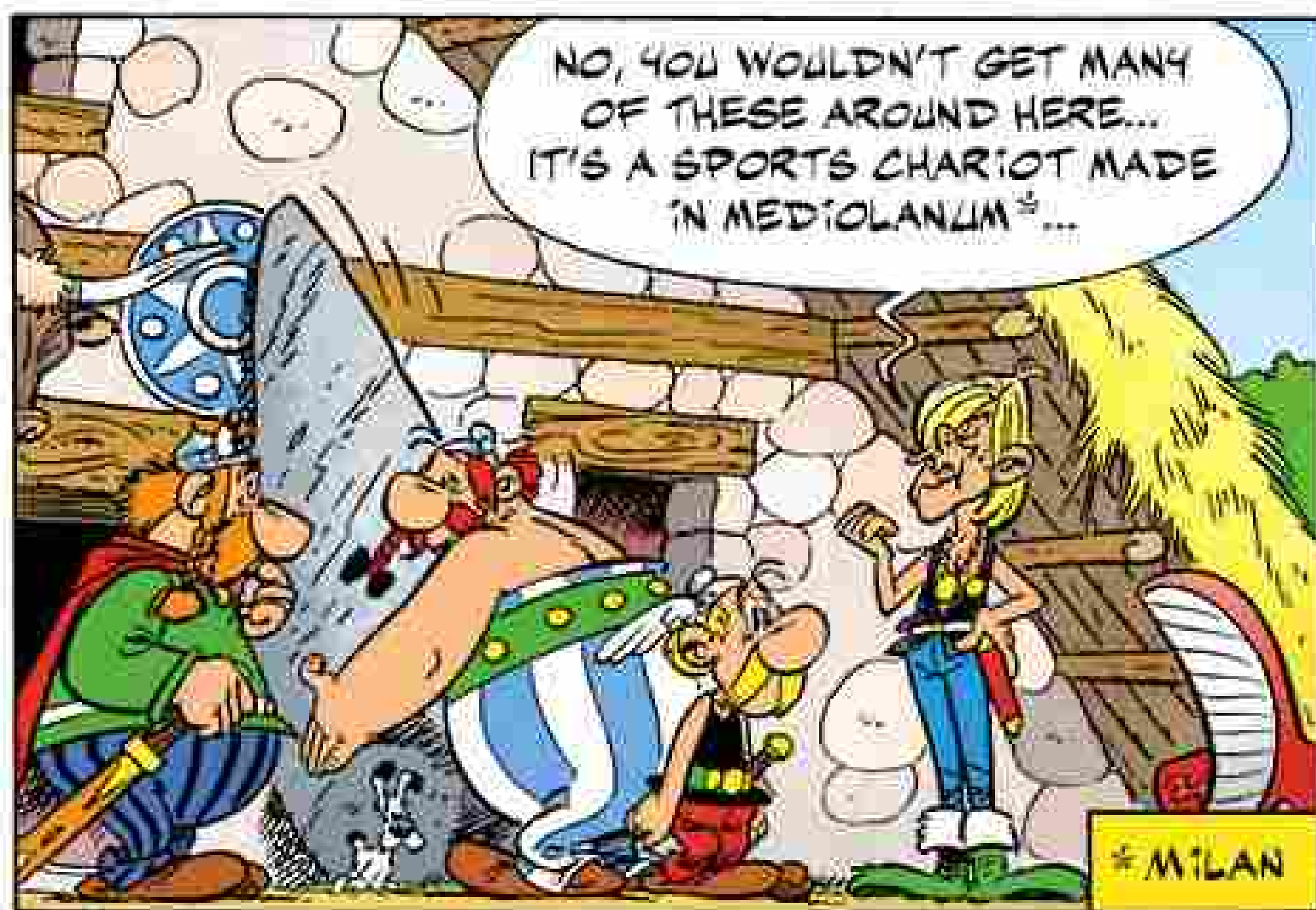
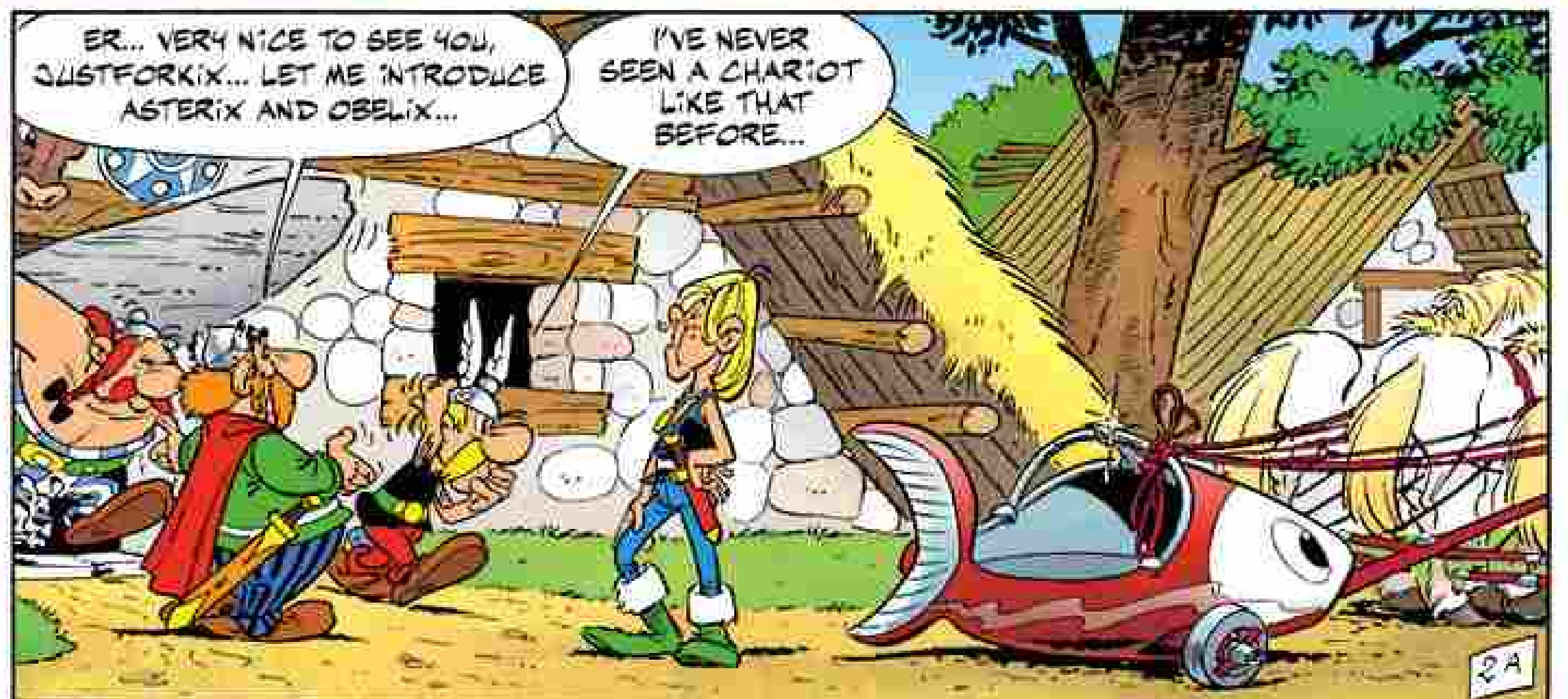
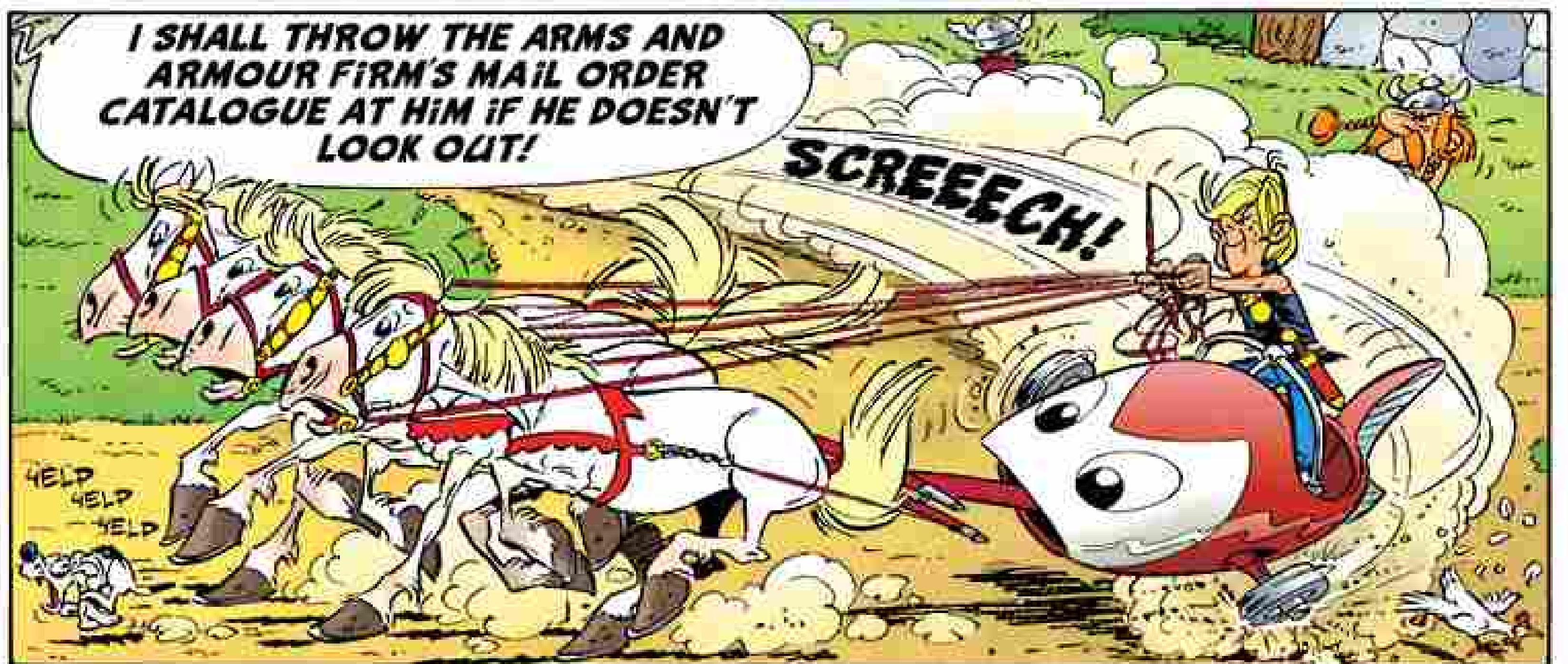
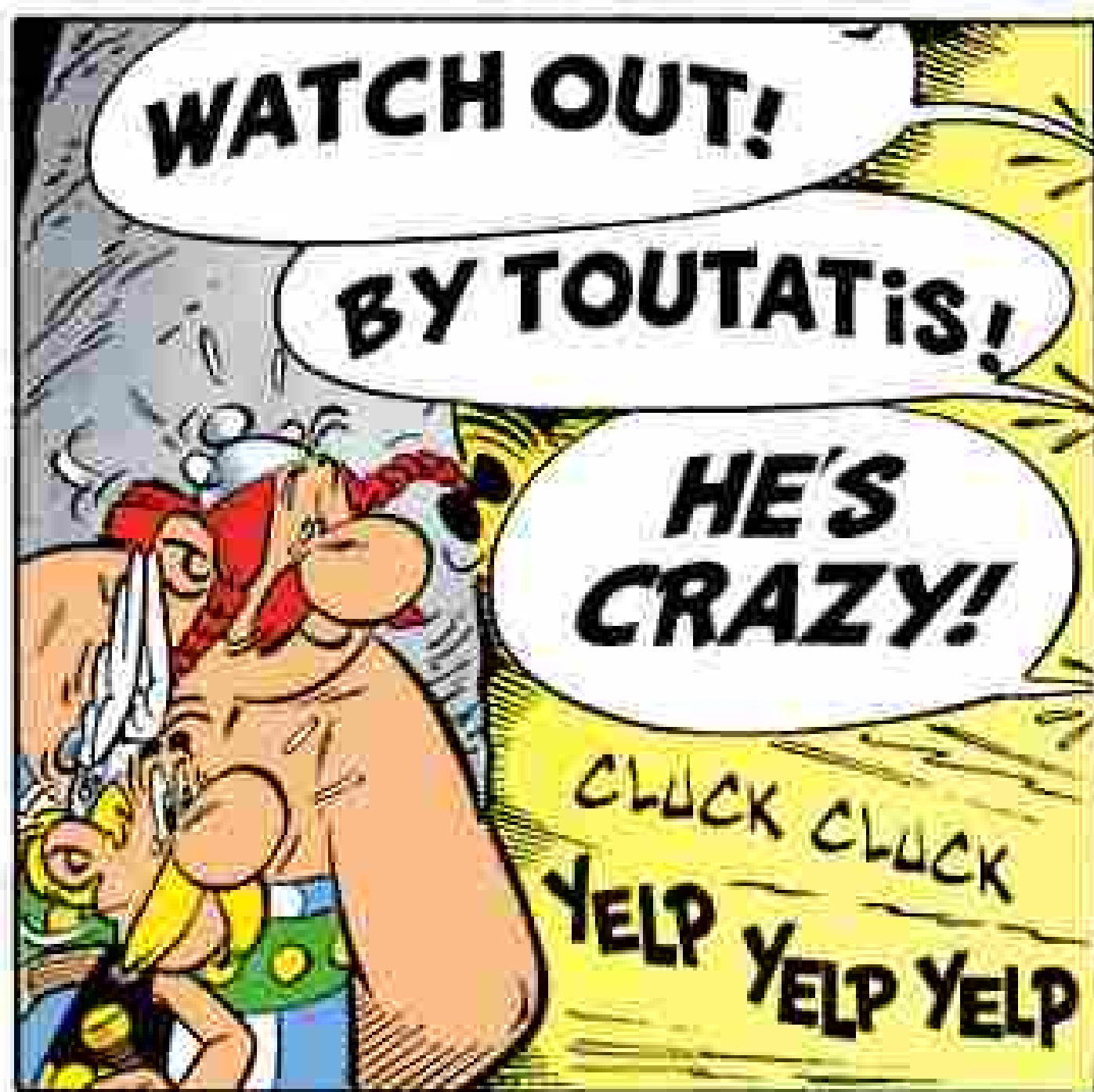


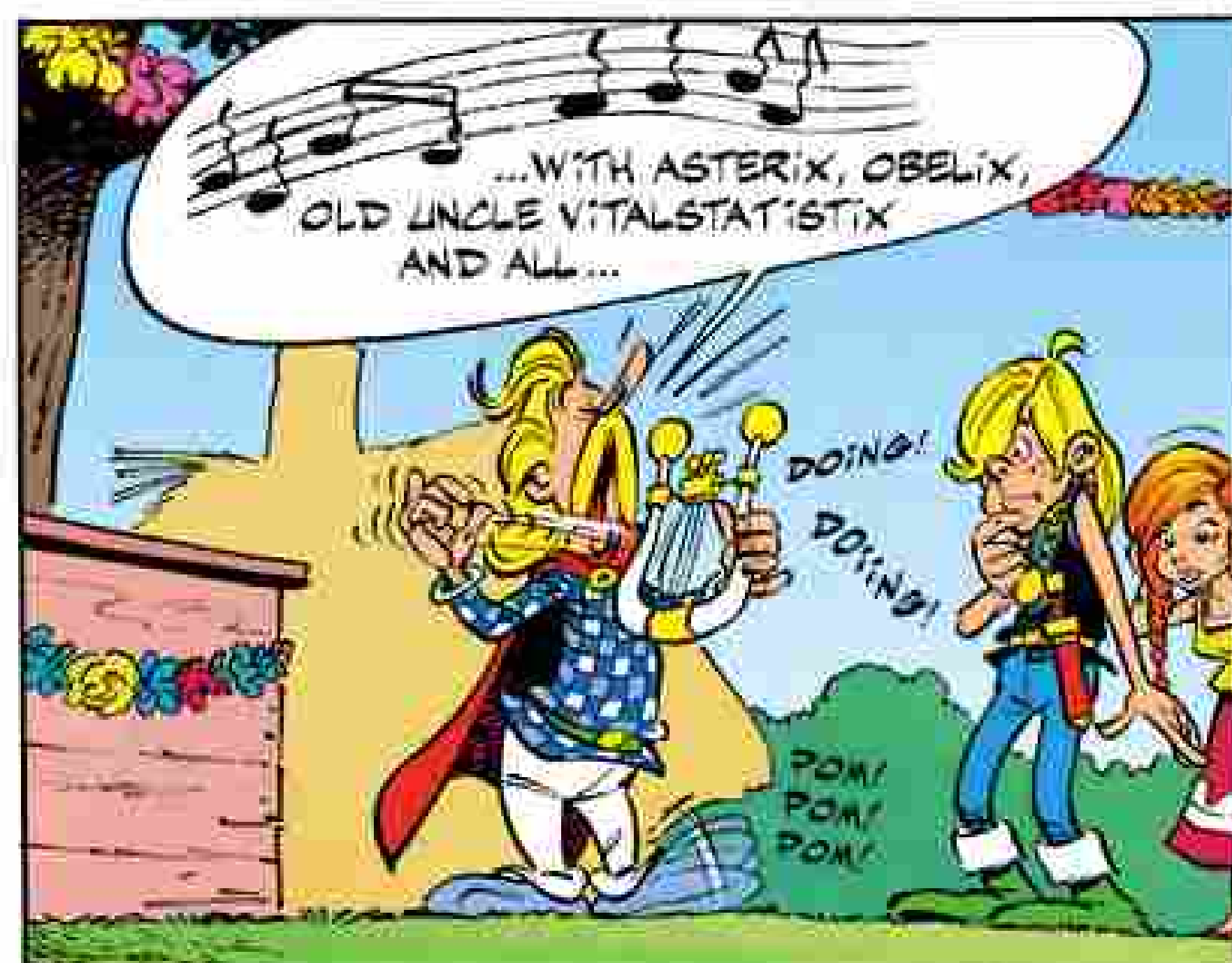
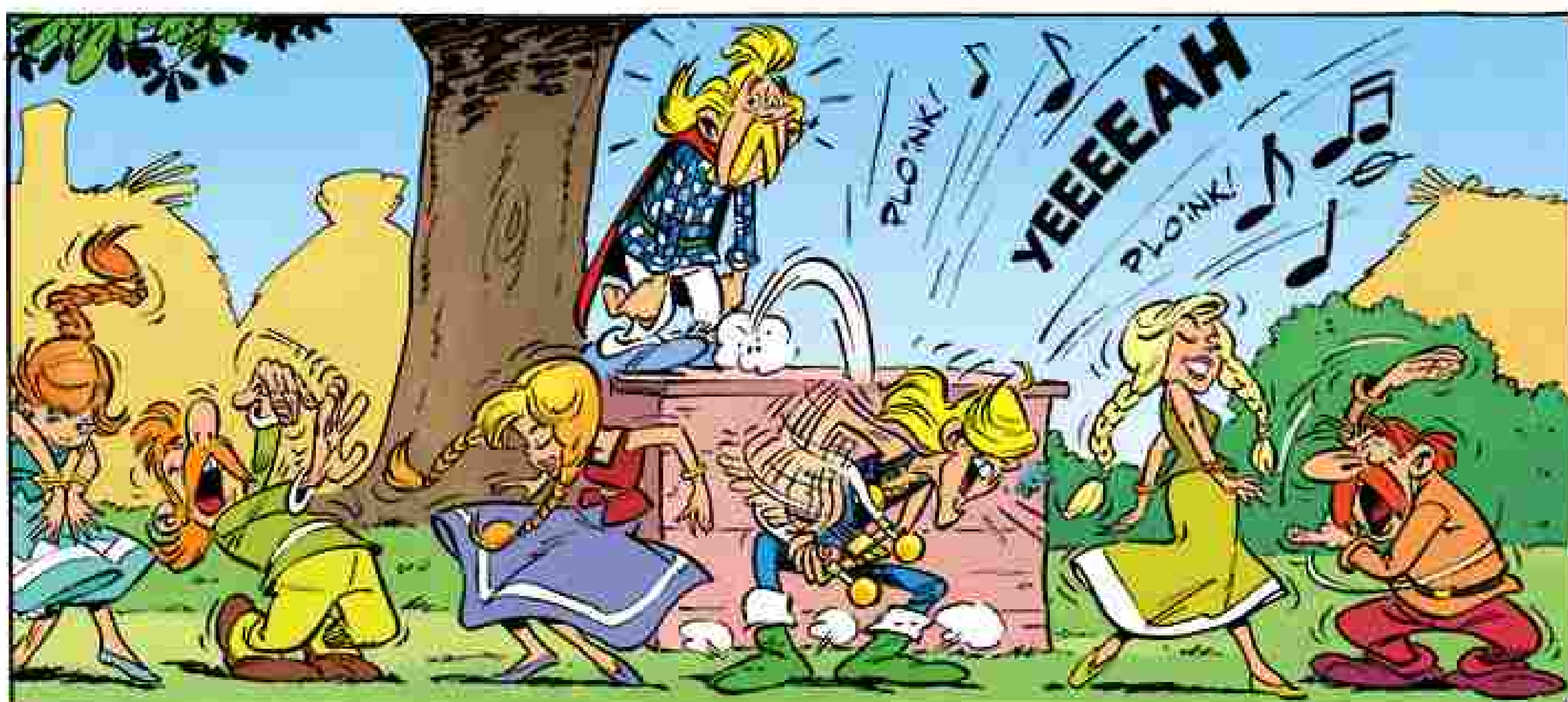
CACOFONIX, THE BARD. OPINION IS DIVIDED AS TO HIS MUSICAL GIFTS. CACOFONIX THINKS HE'S A GENIUS. EVERYONE ELSE THINKS HE'S UNSPEAKABLE. BUT SO LONG AS HE DOESN'T SPEAK, LET ALONE SING, EVERYBODY LIKES HIM . . .

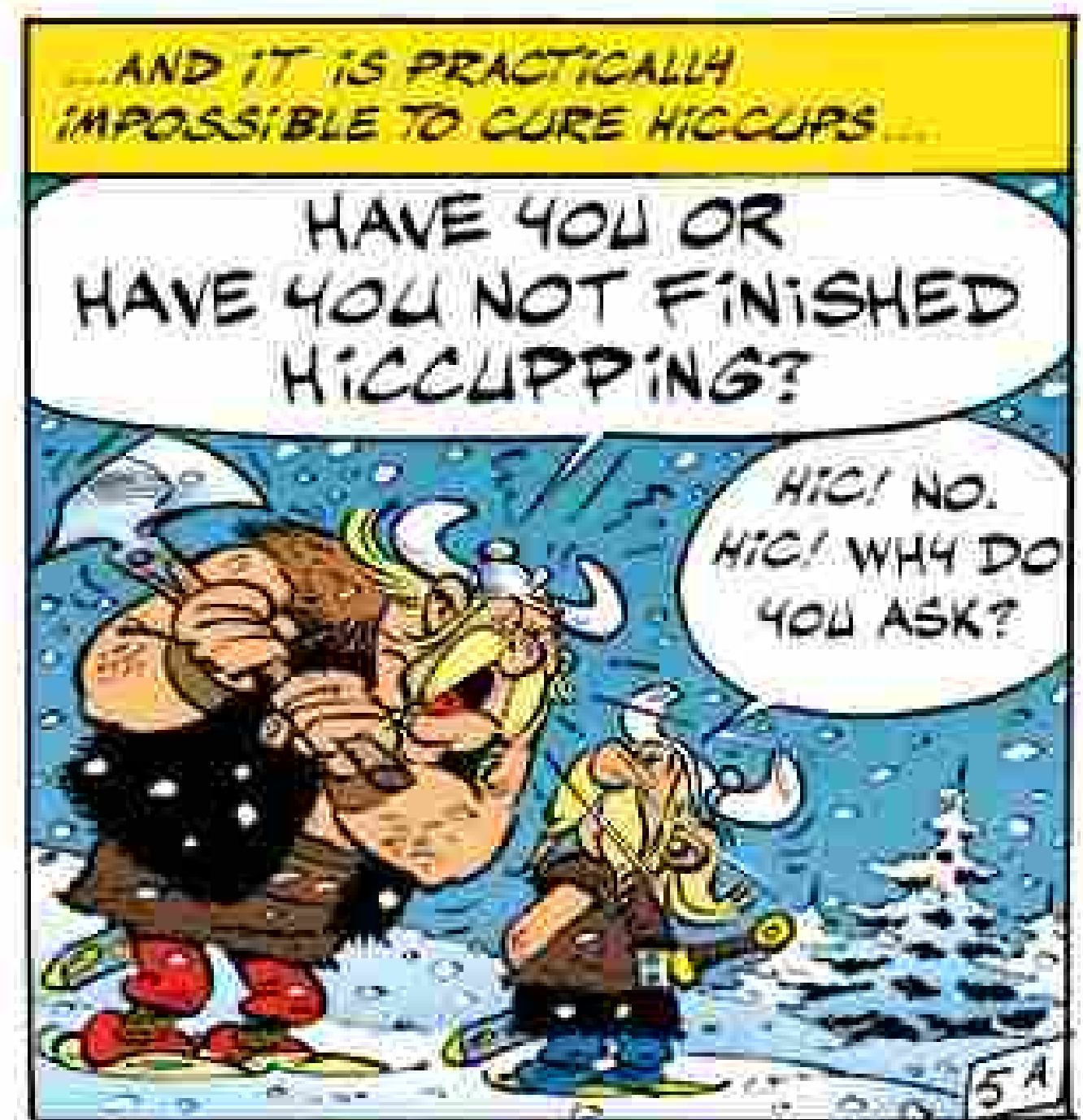


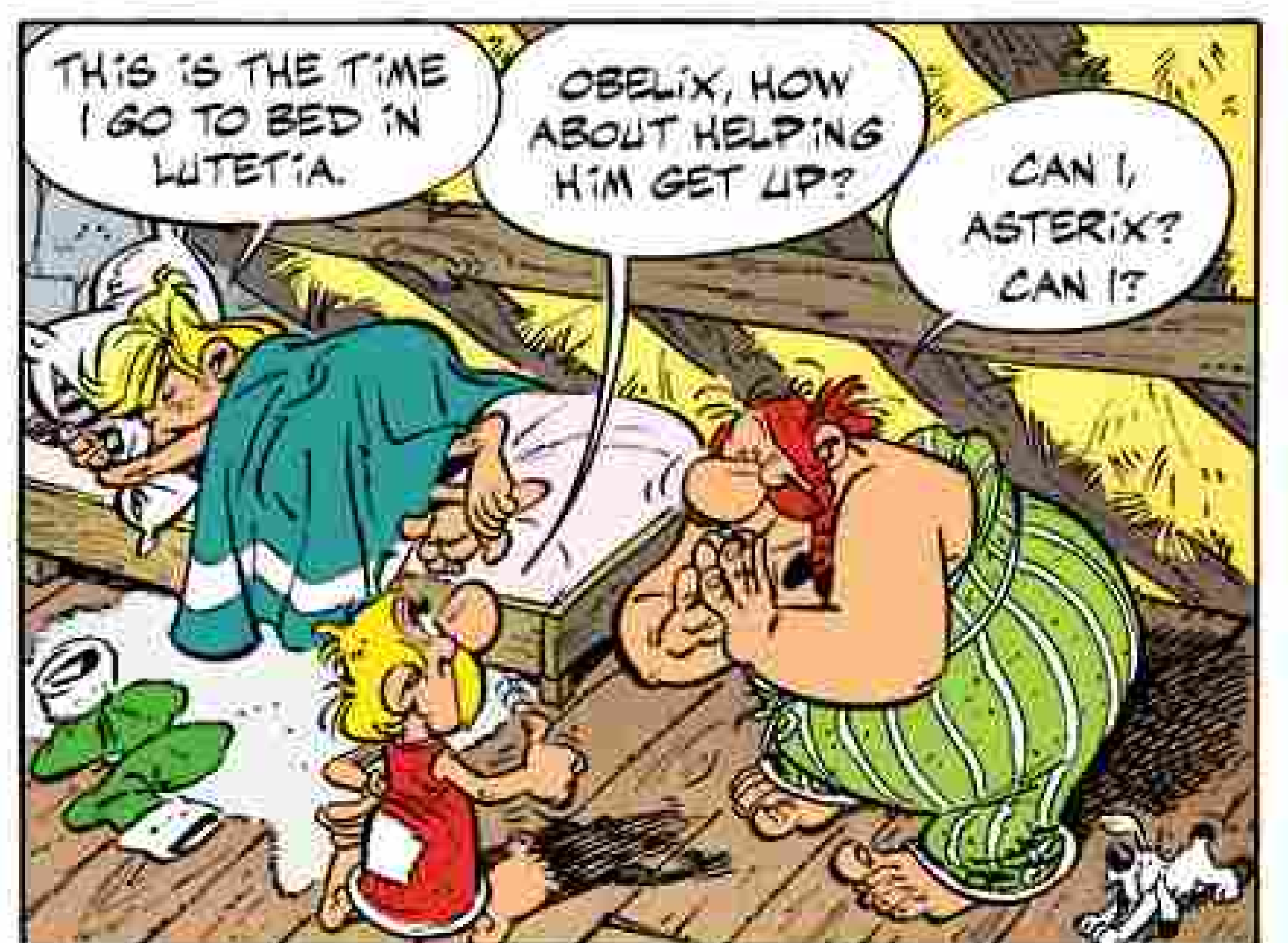
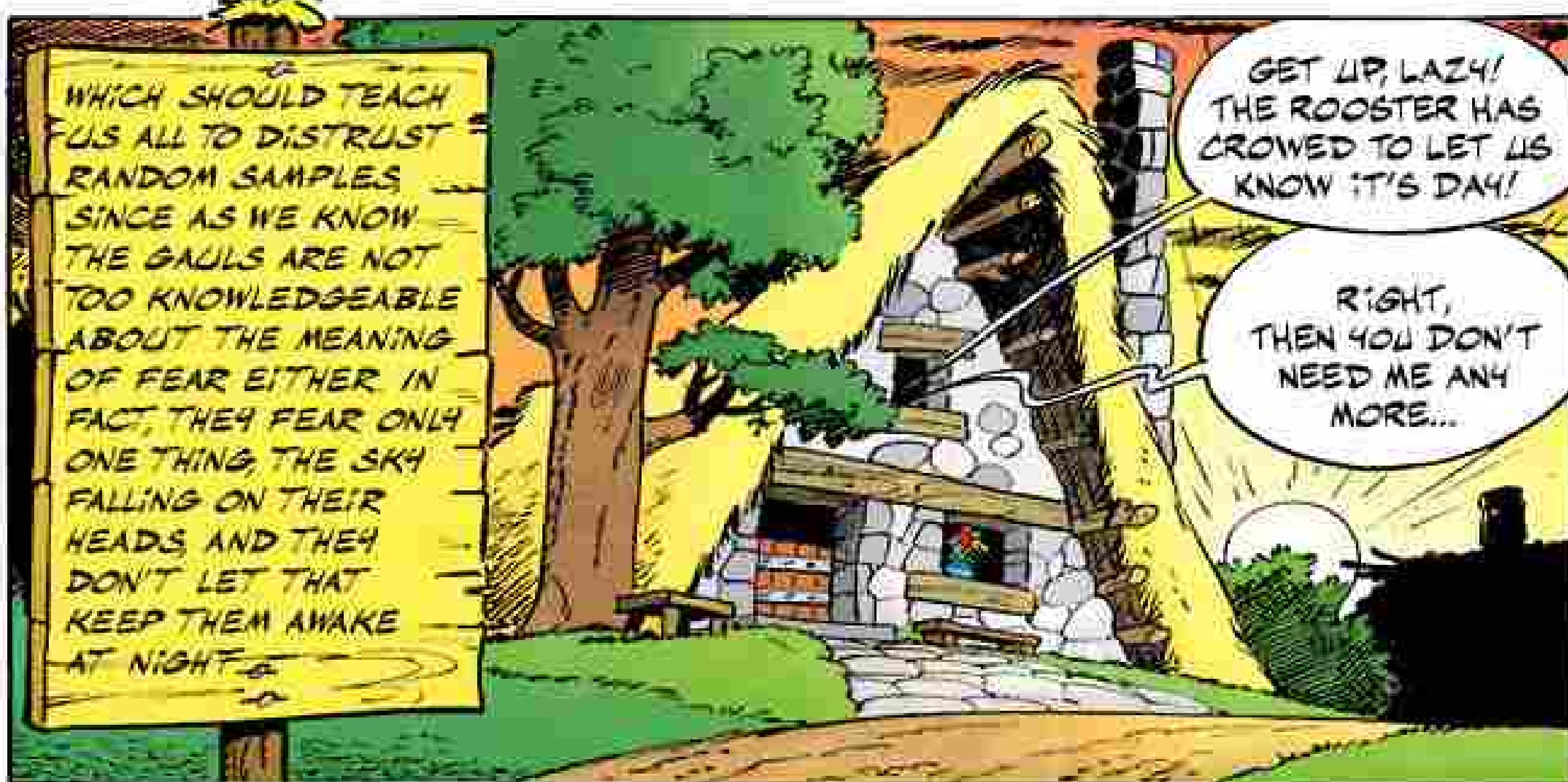
FINALLY, VITALSTATISTIX, THE CHIEF OF THE TRIBE. MAJESTIC, BRAVE AND HOT-TEMPERED, THE OLD WARRIOR IS RESPECTED BY HIS MEN AND FEARED BY HIS ENEMIES. VITALSTATISTIX HIMSELF HAS ONLY ONE FEAR, HE IS AFRAID THE SKY MAY FALL ON HIS HEAD TOMORROW. BUT AS HE ALWAYS SAYS, TOMORROW NEVER COMES.

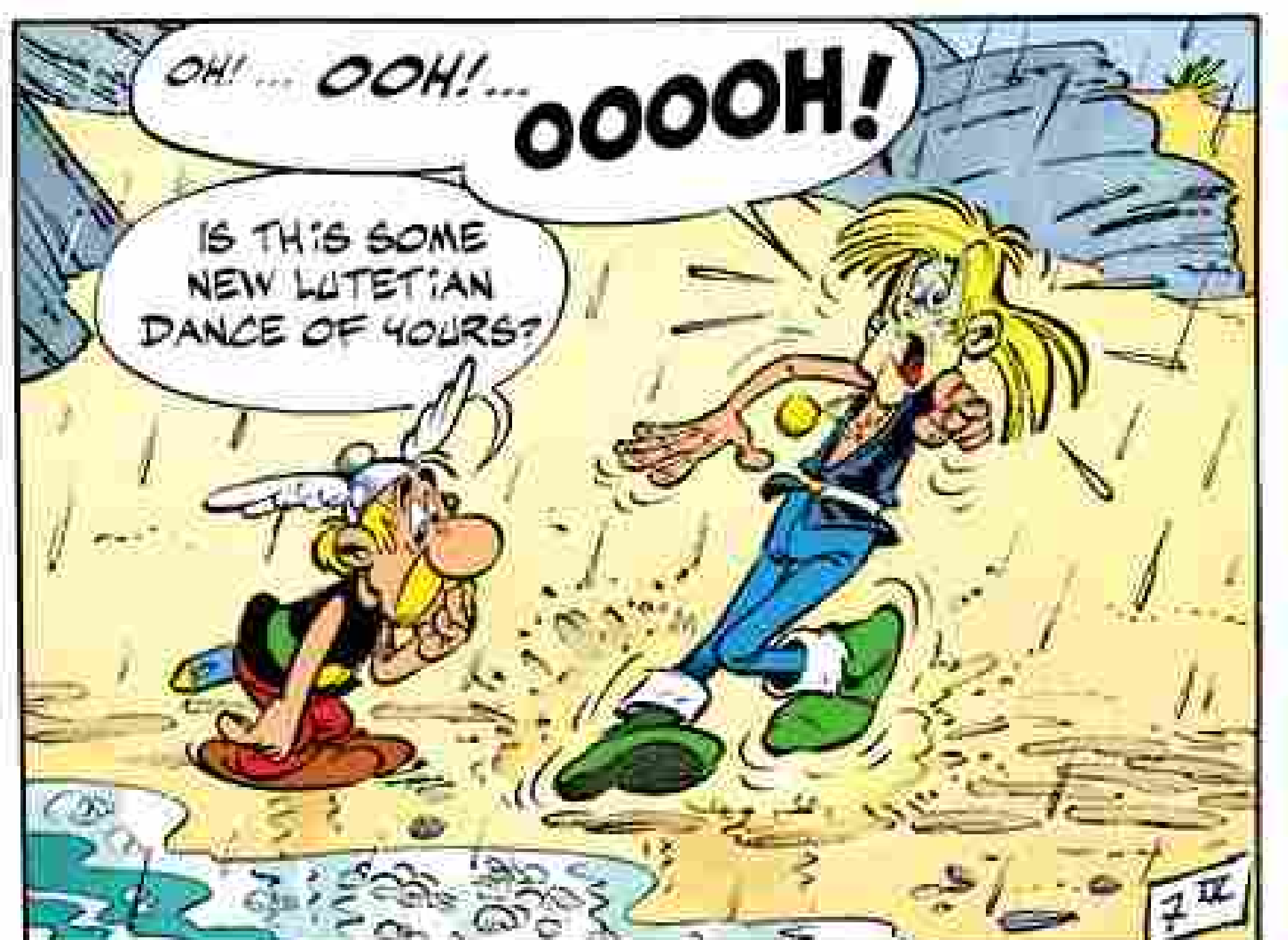
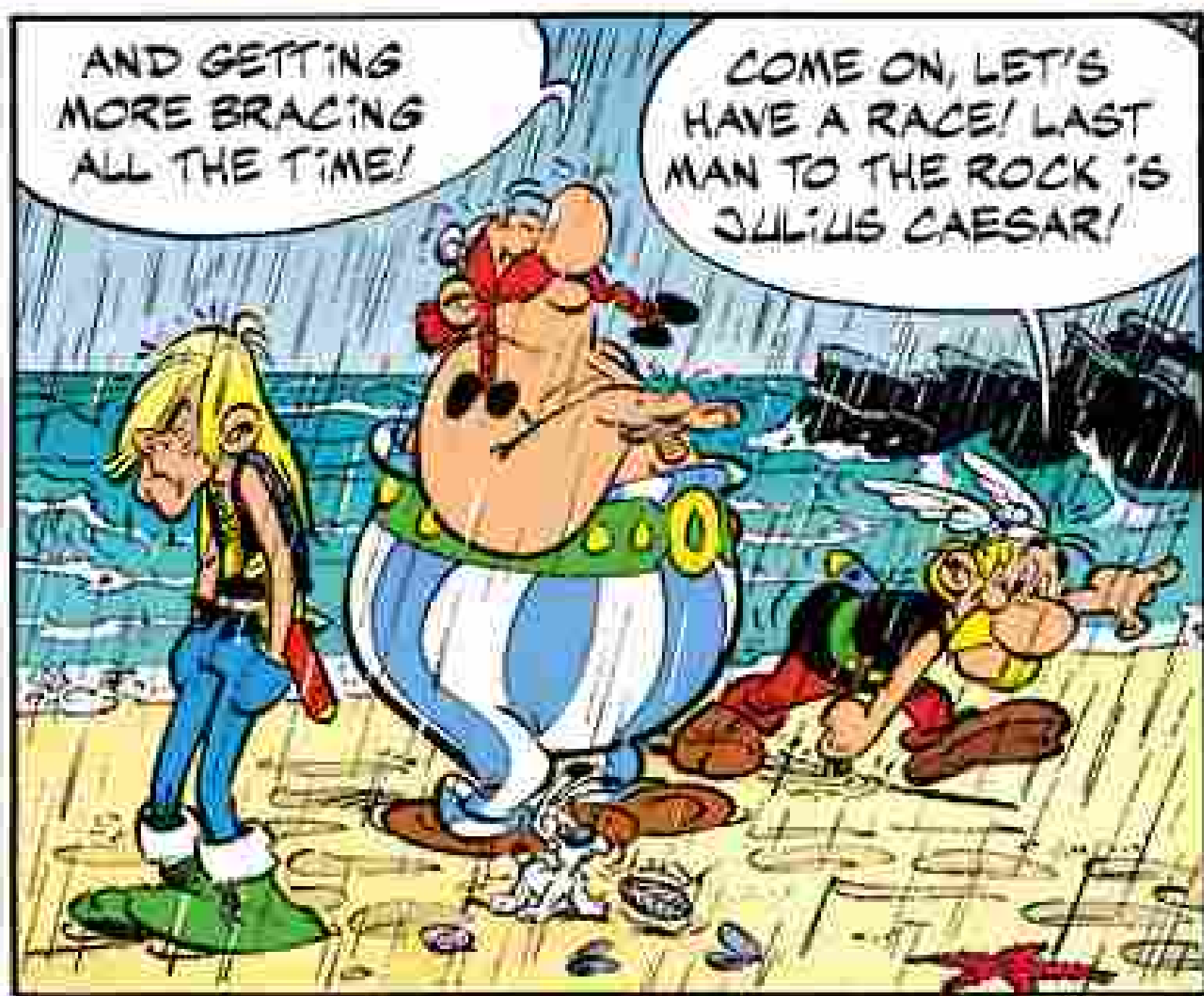
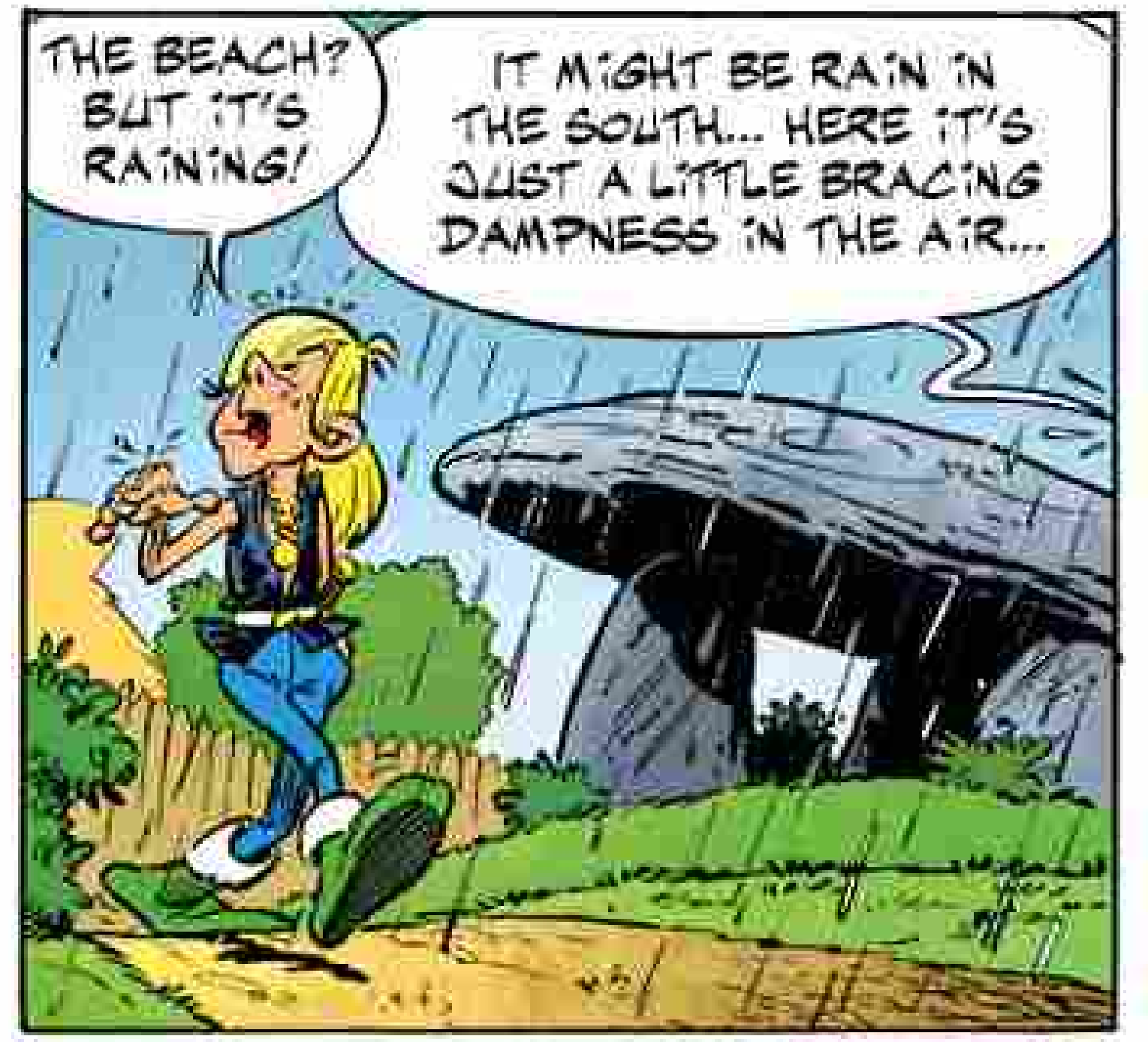
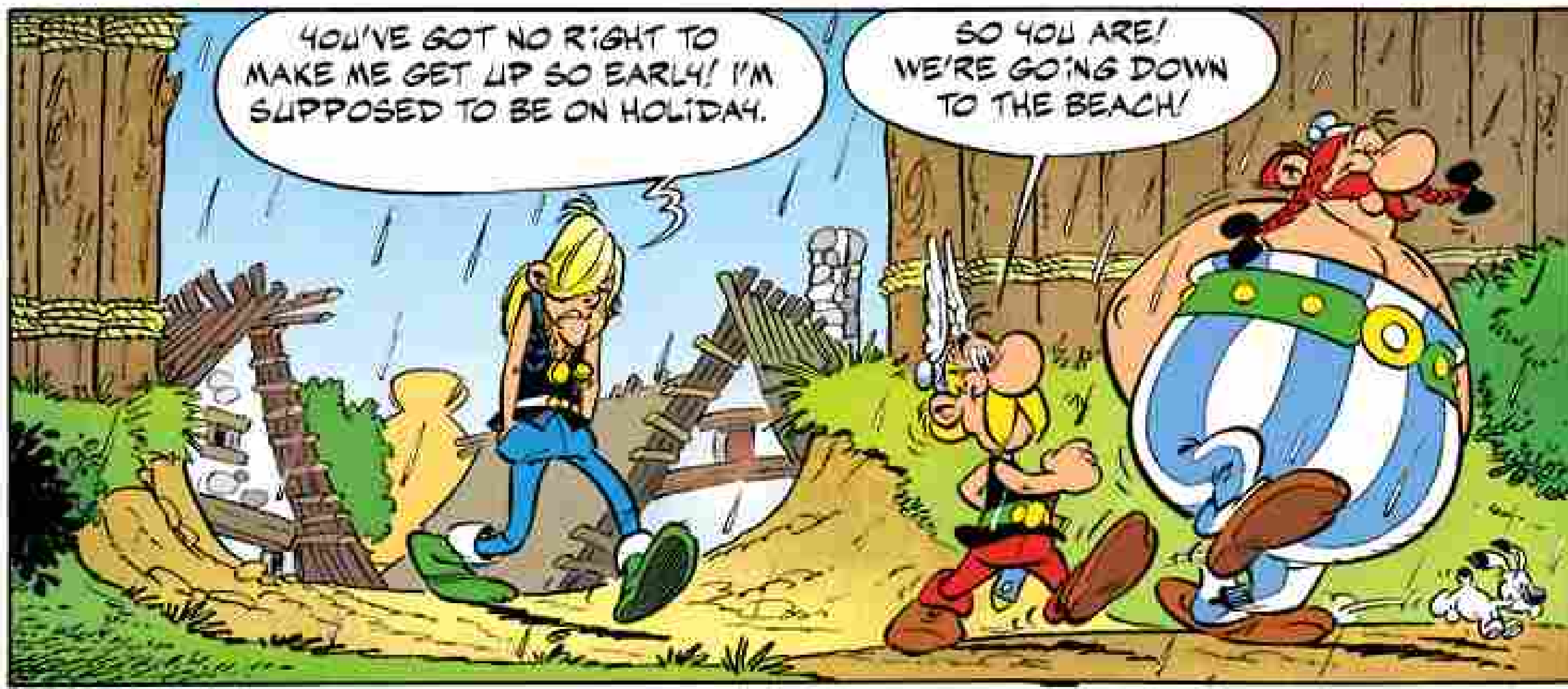


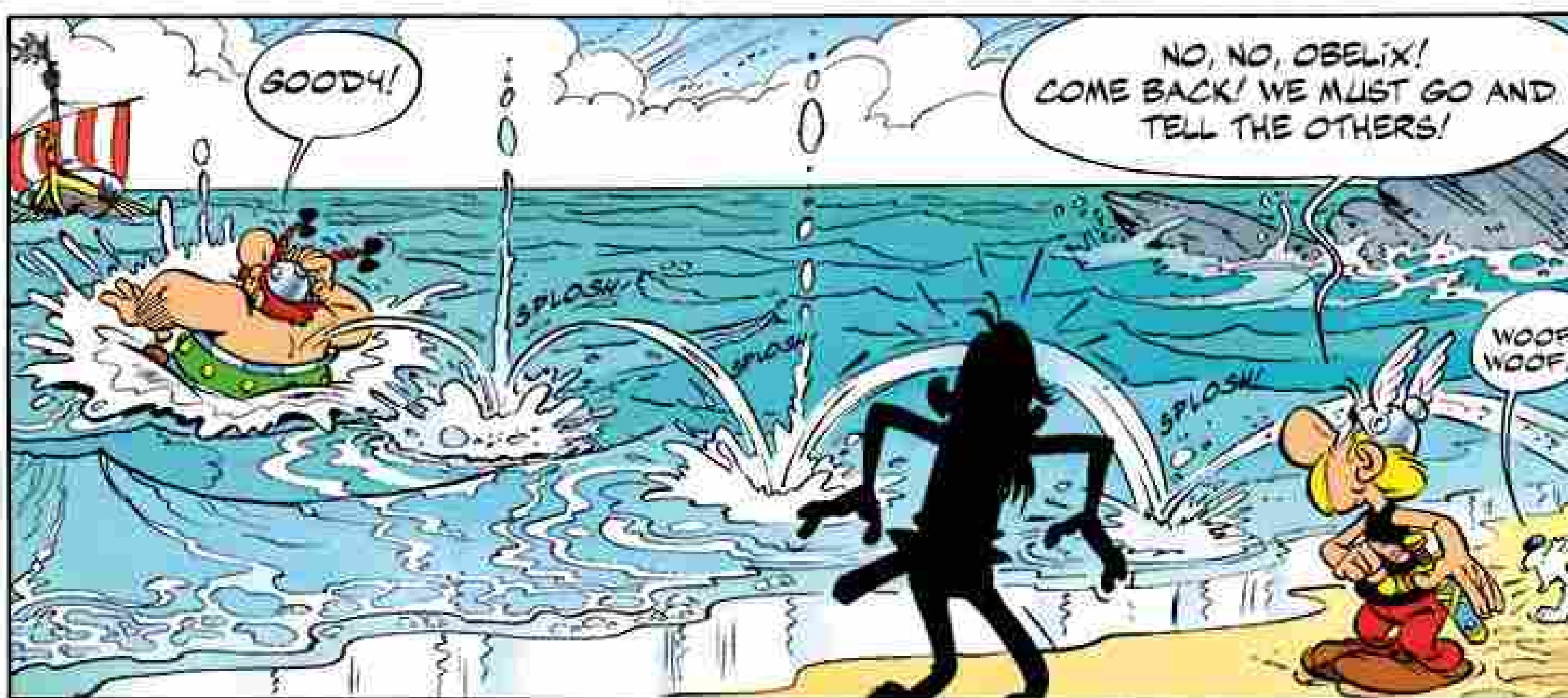
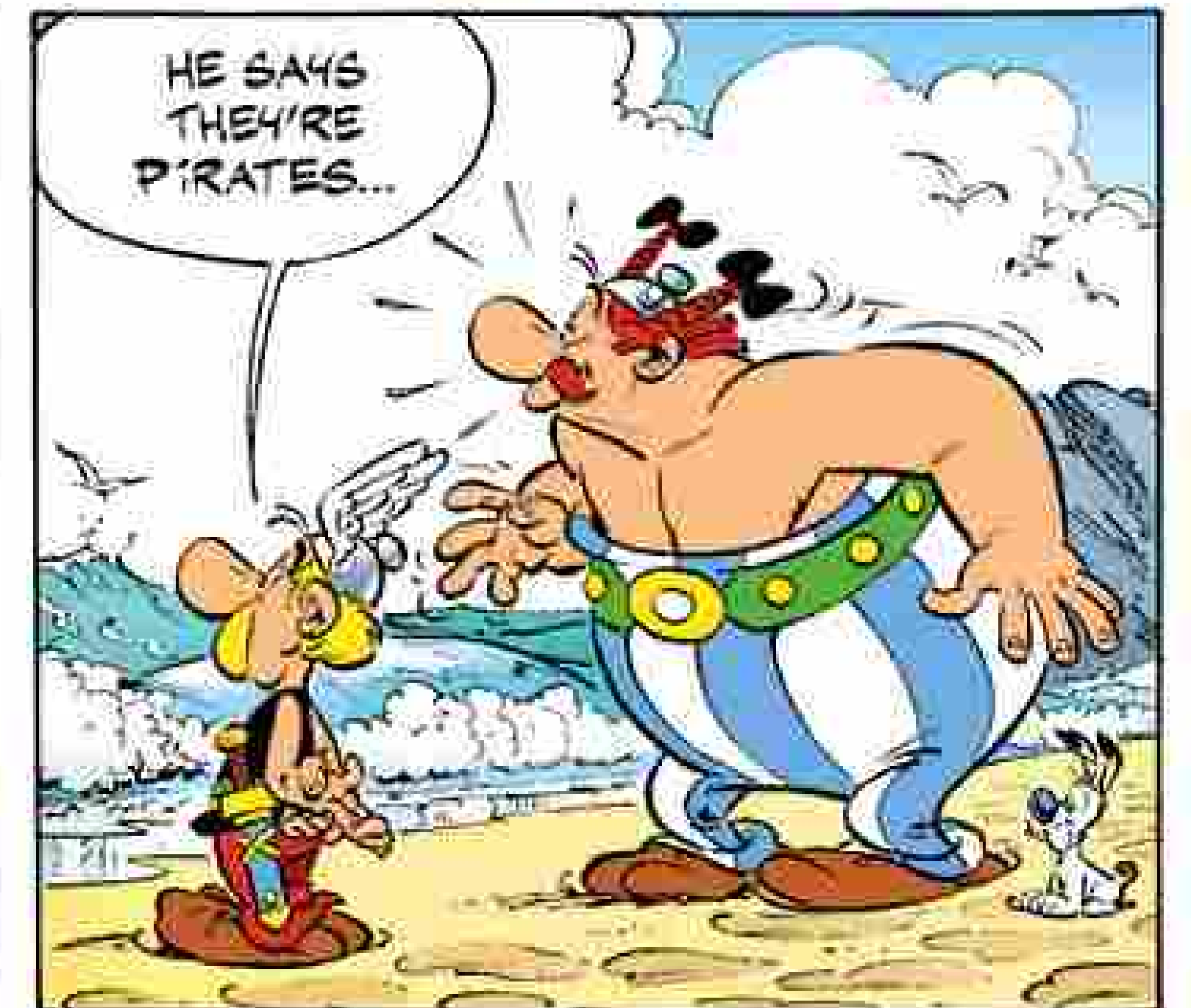


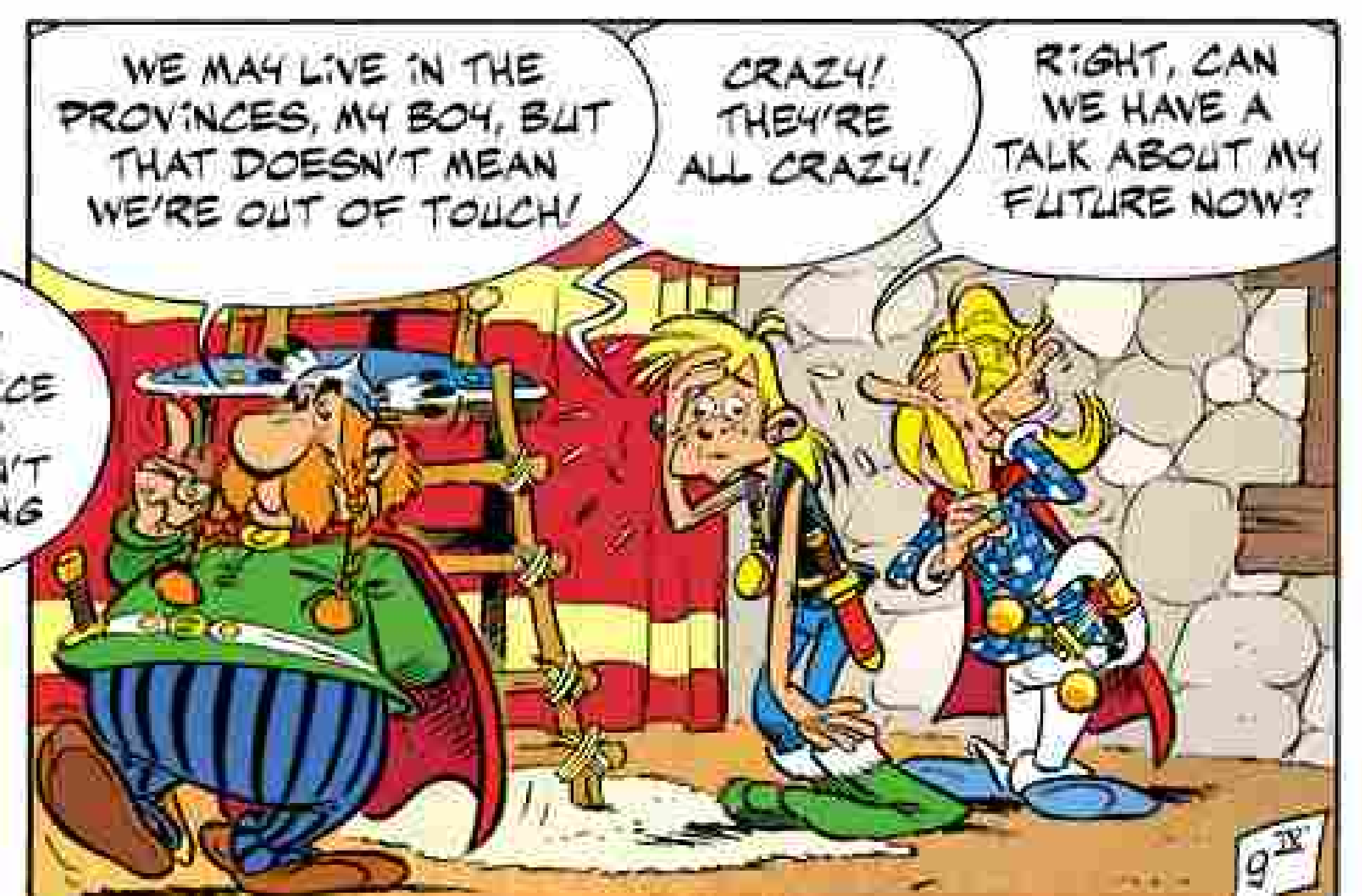
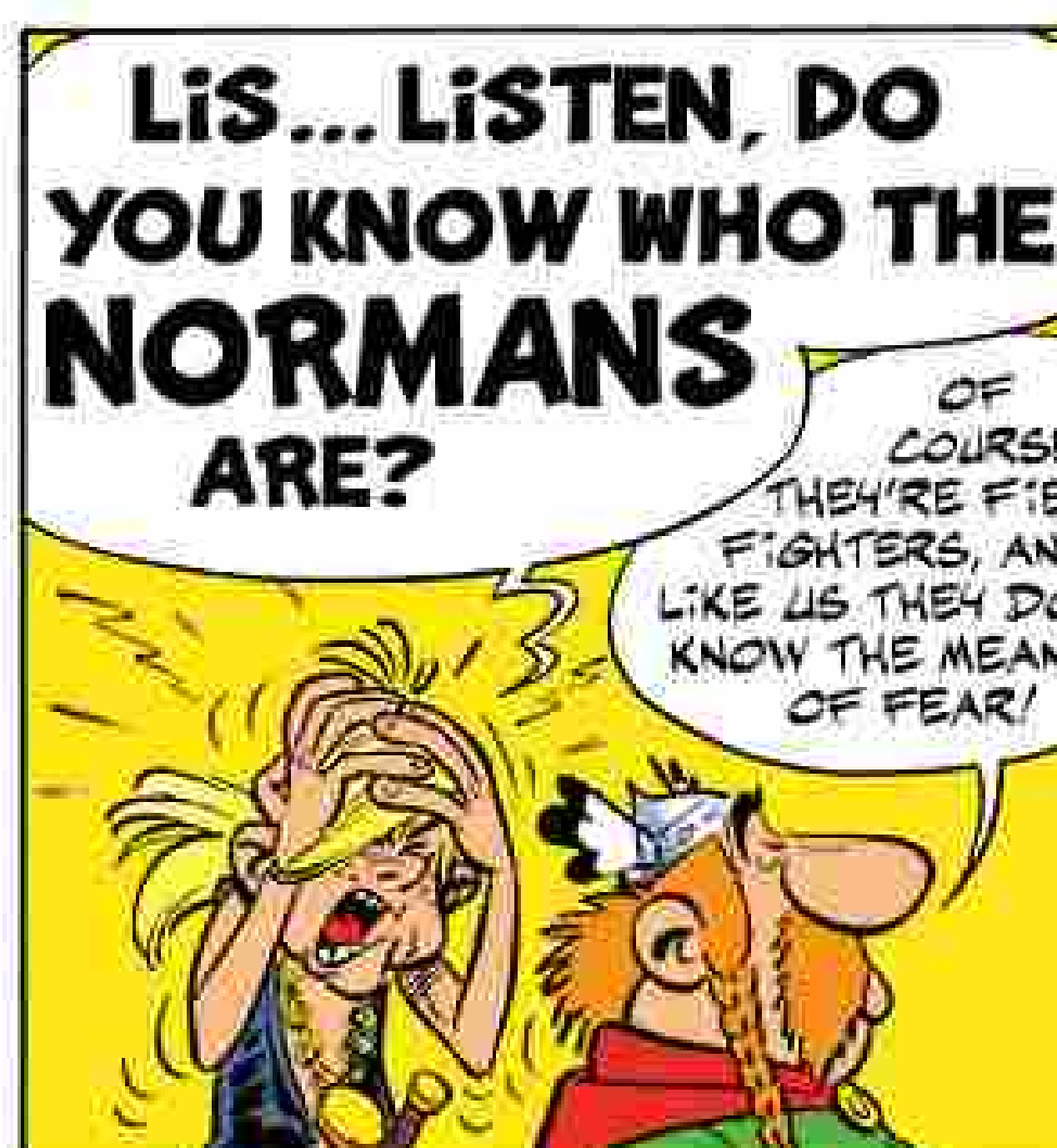
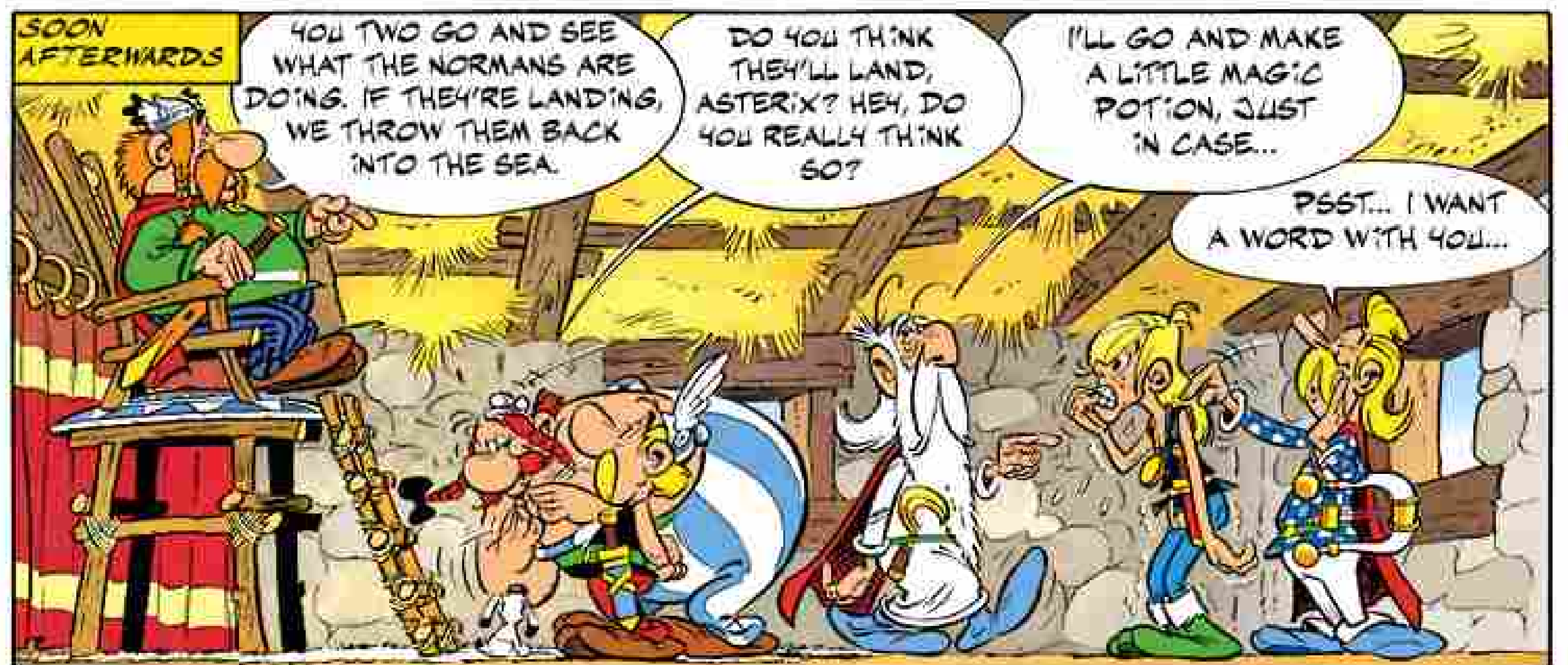


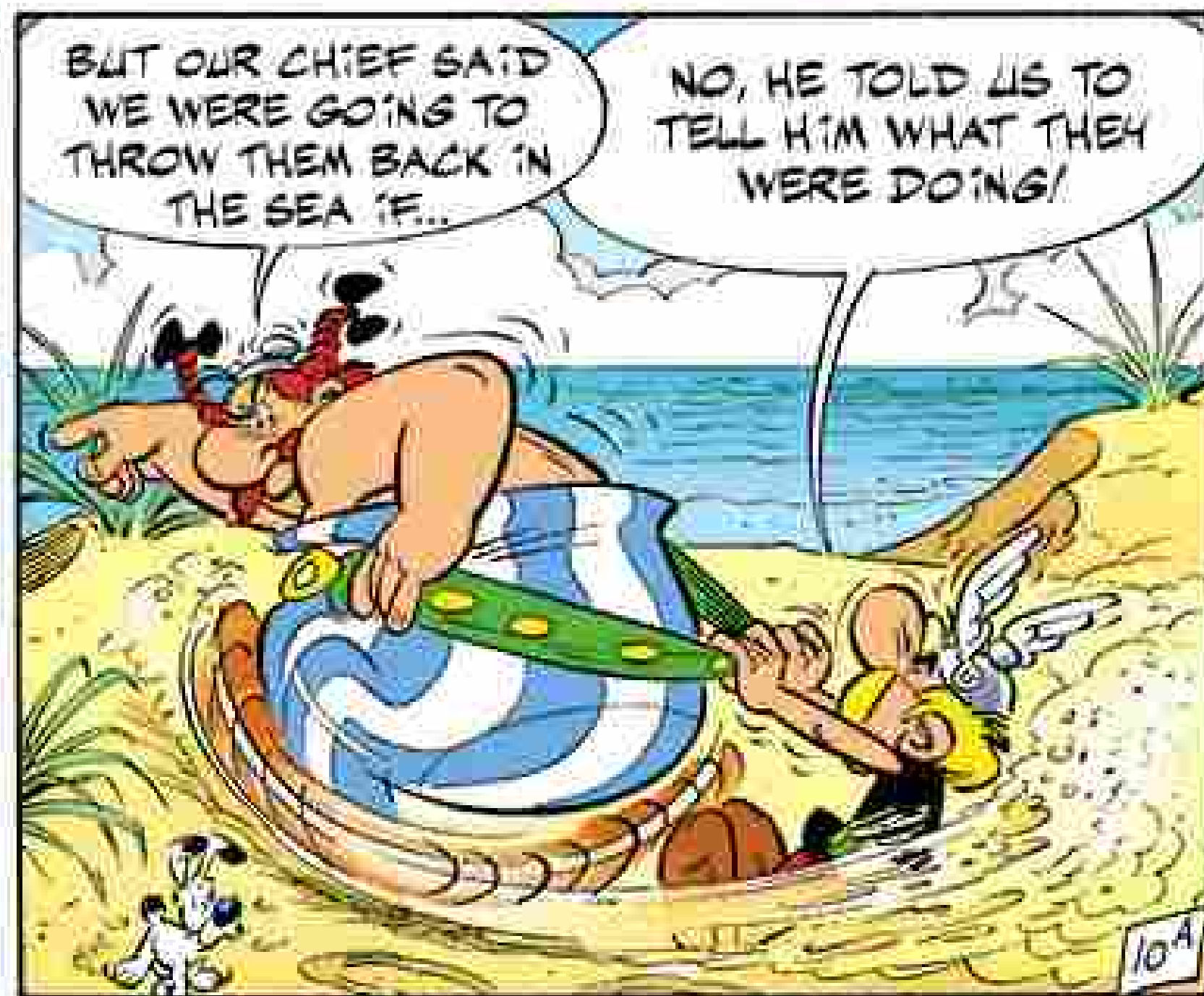


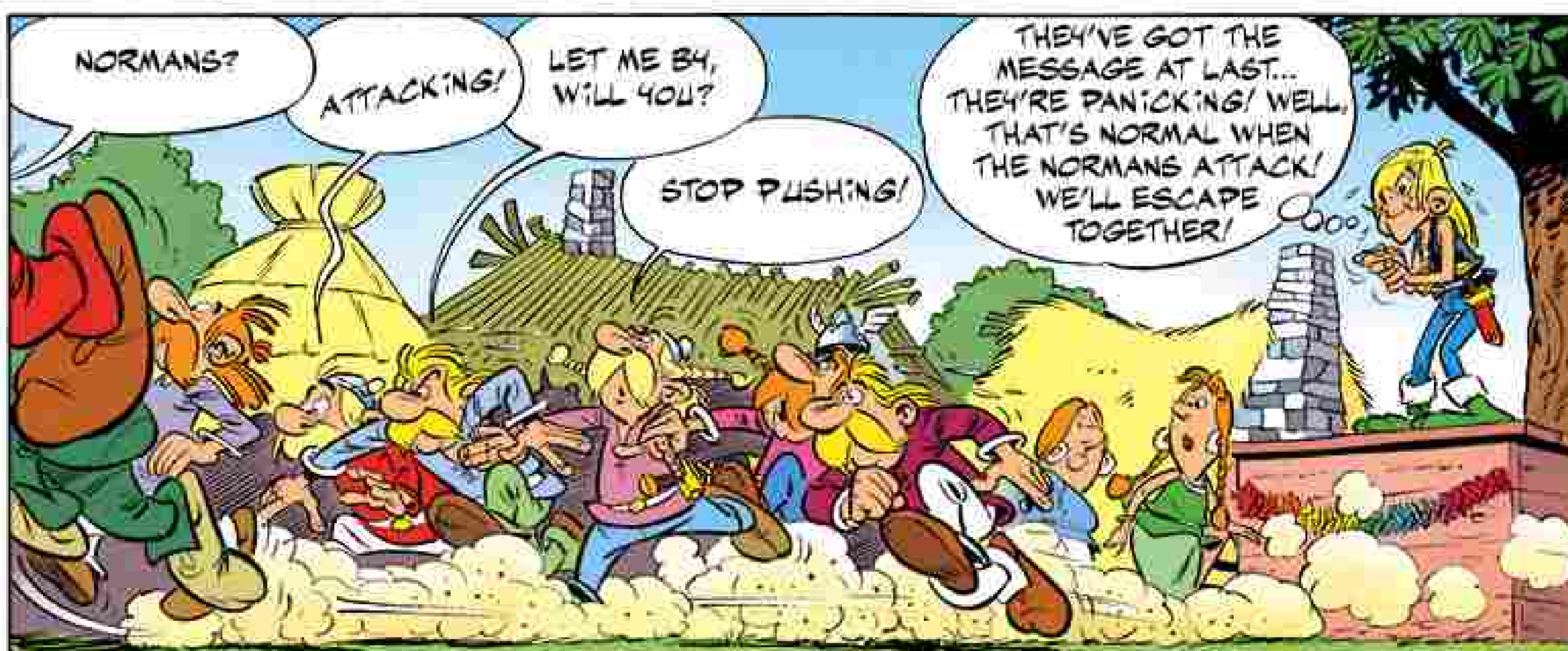
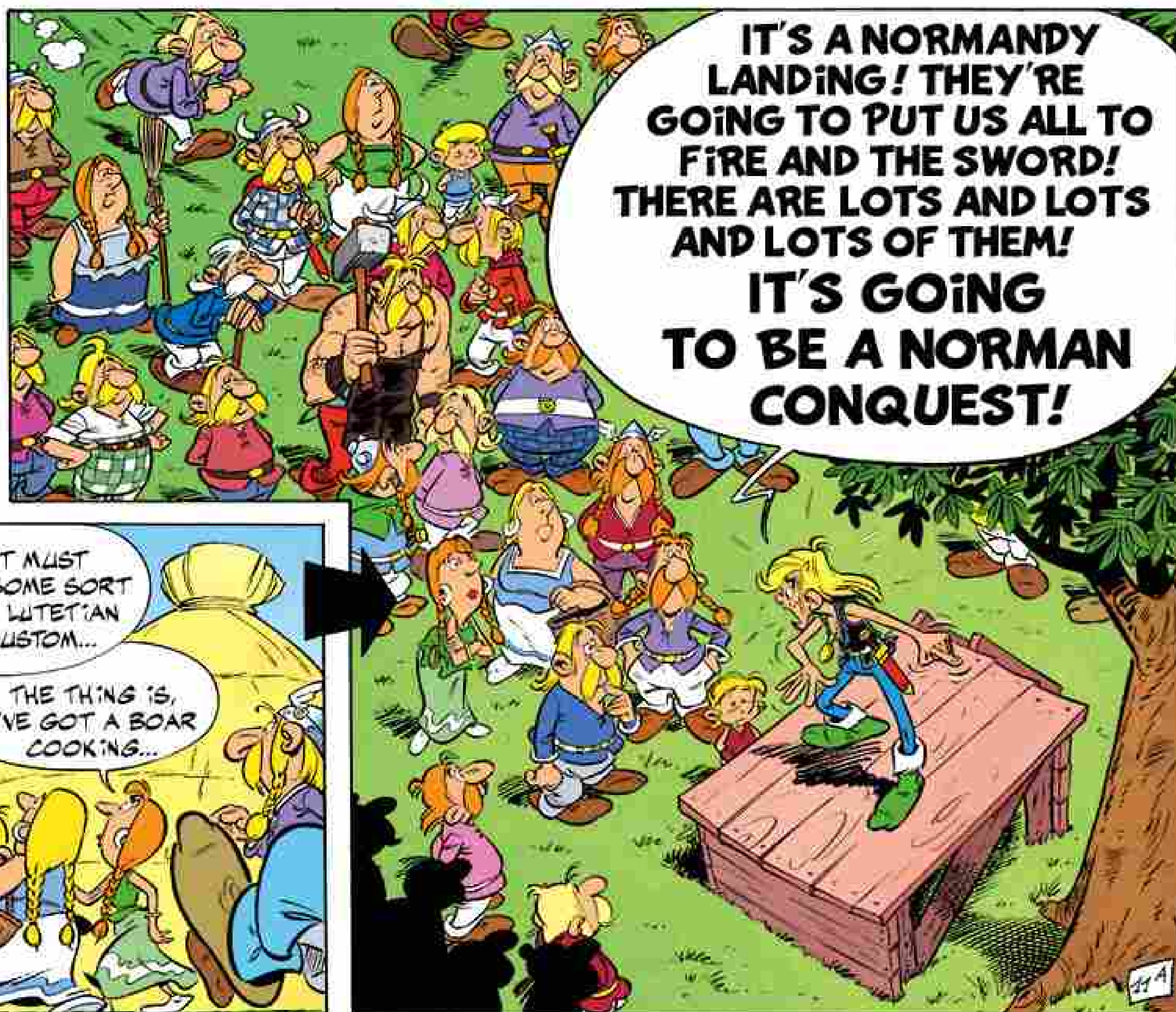


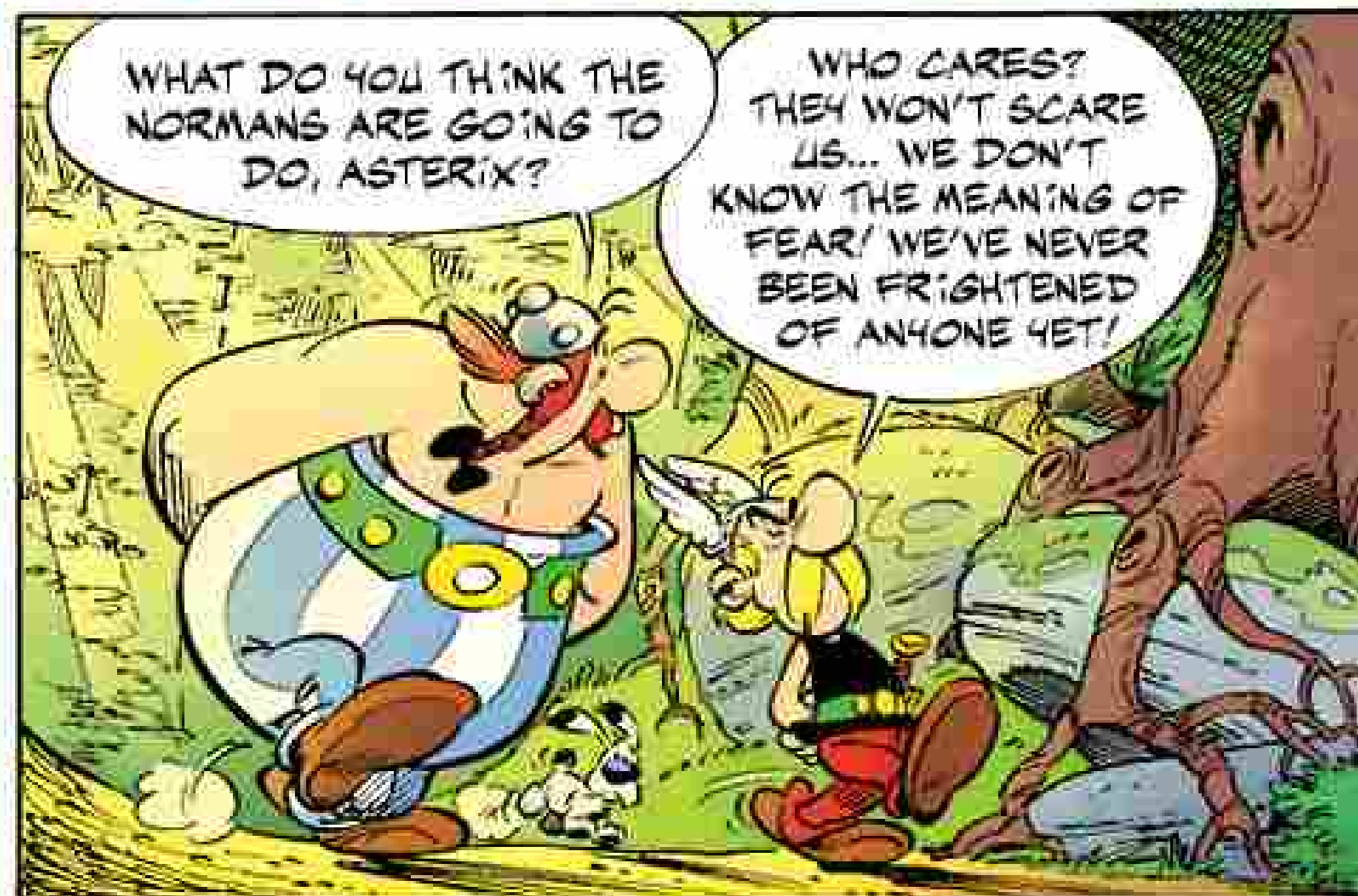


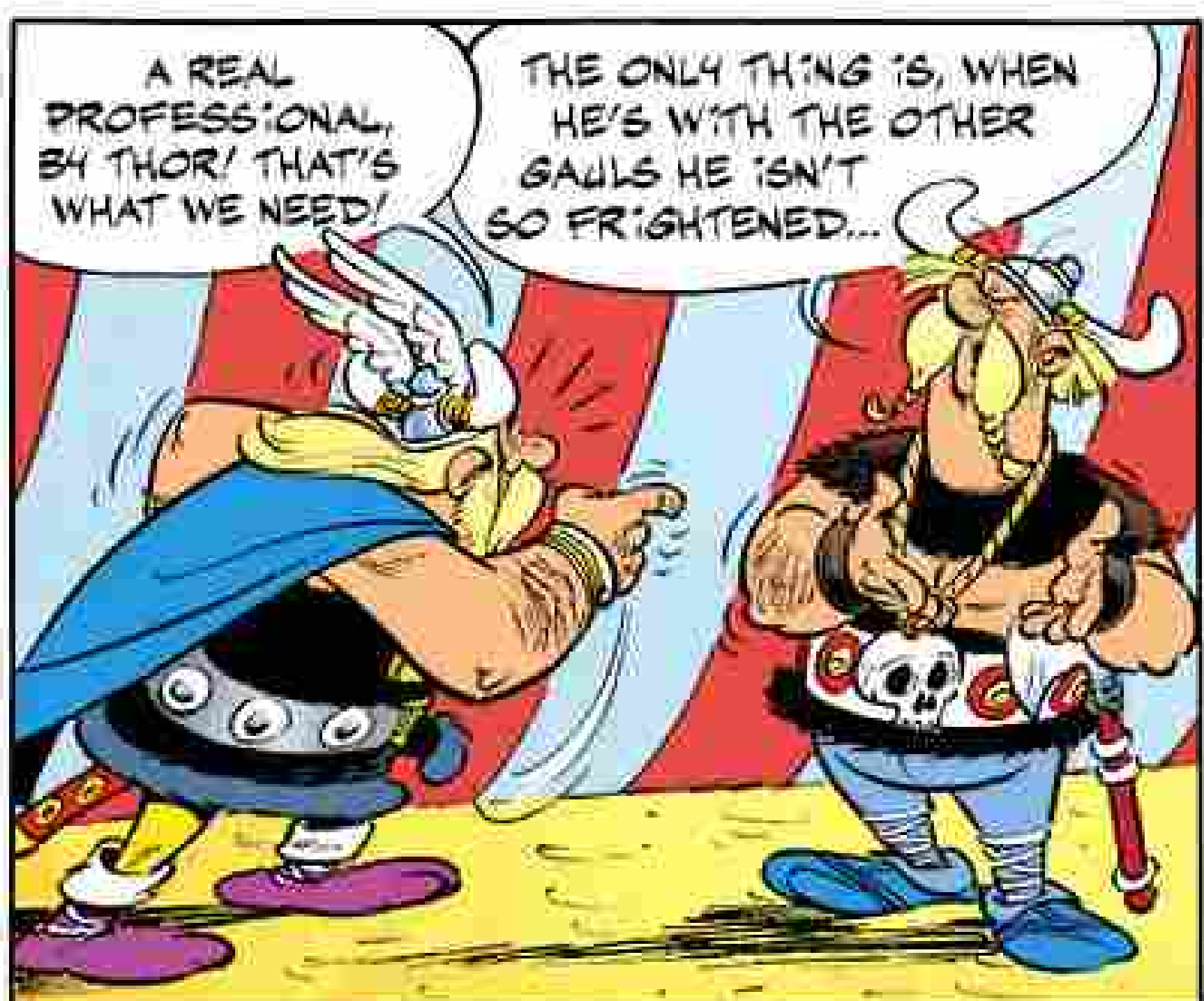
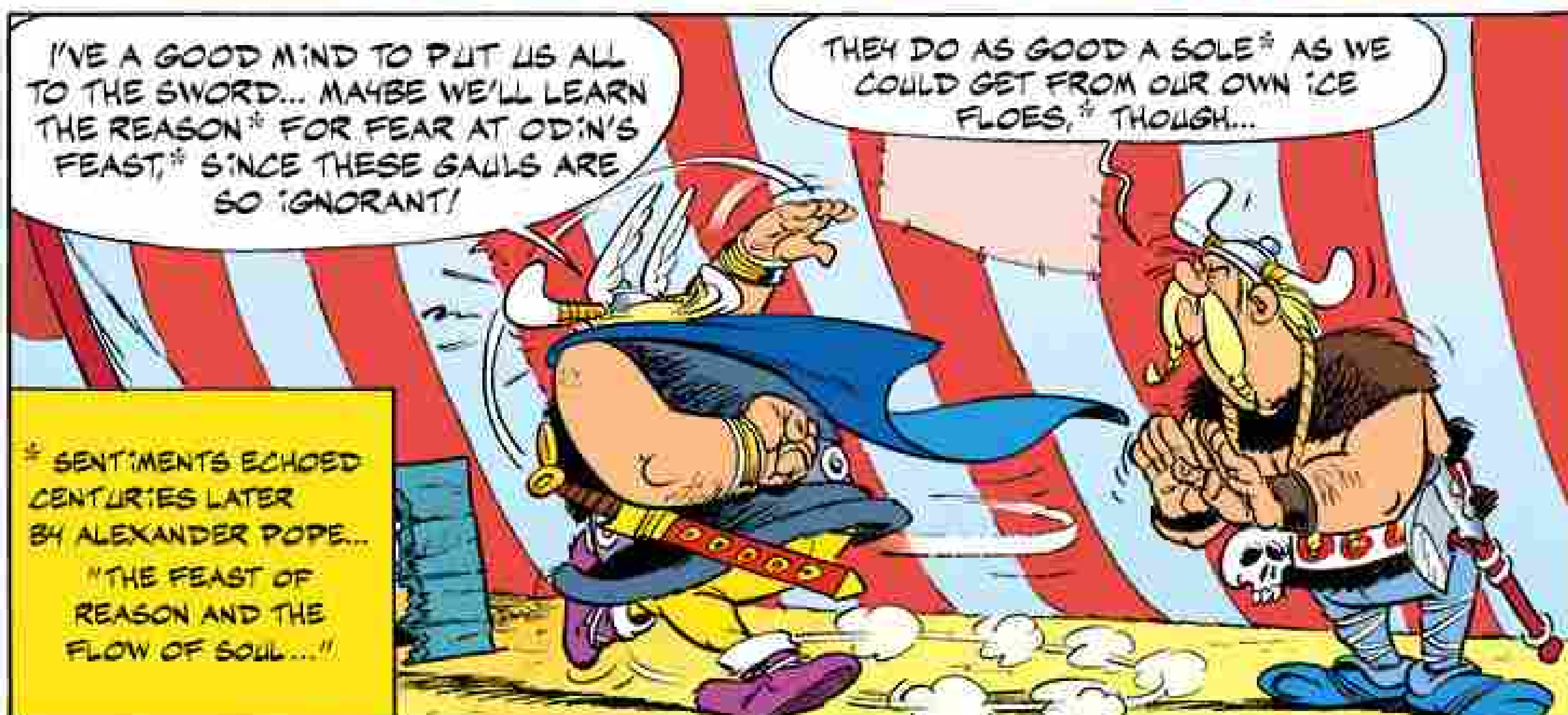


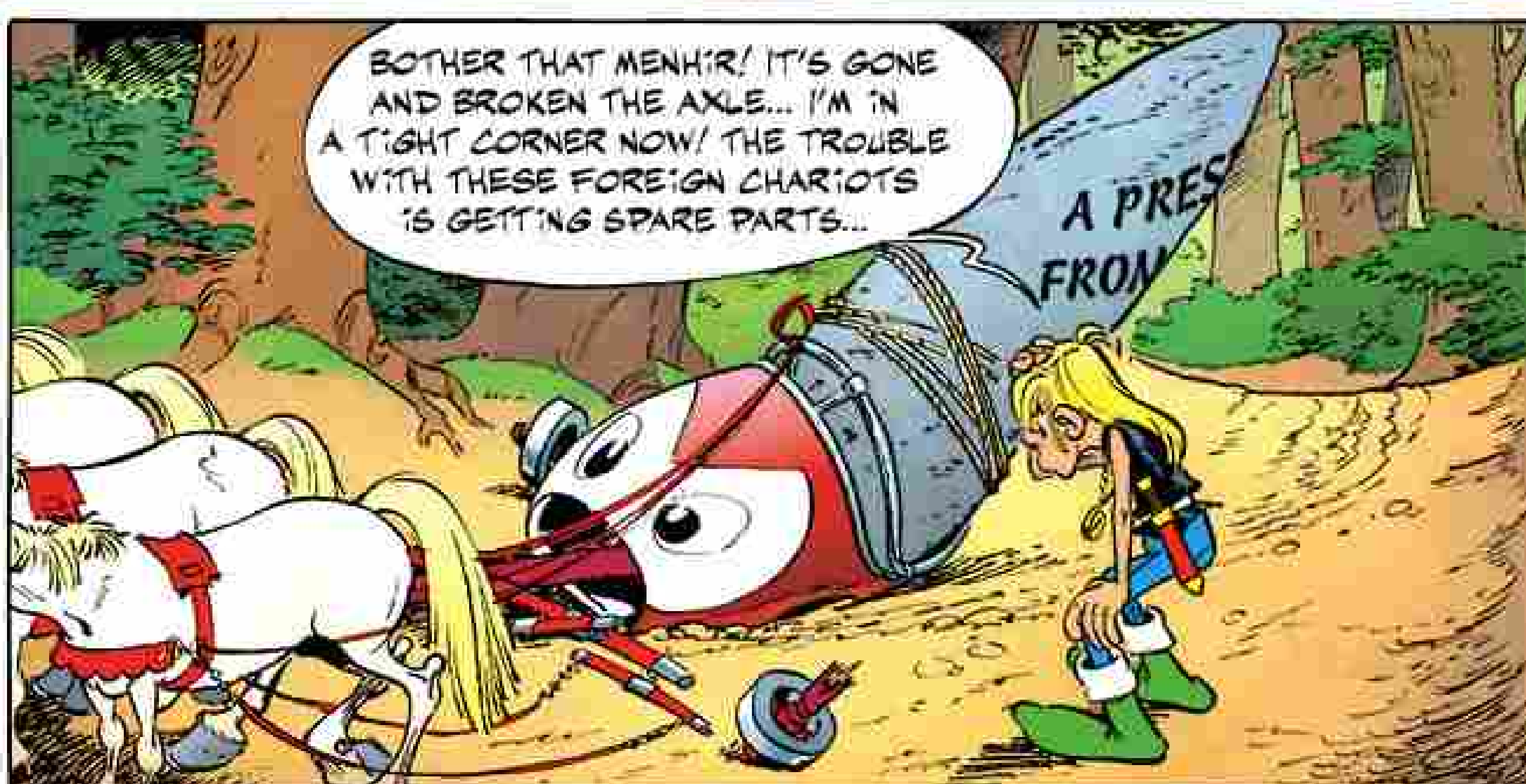
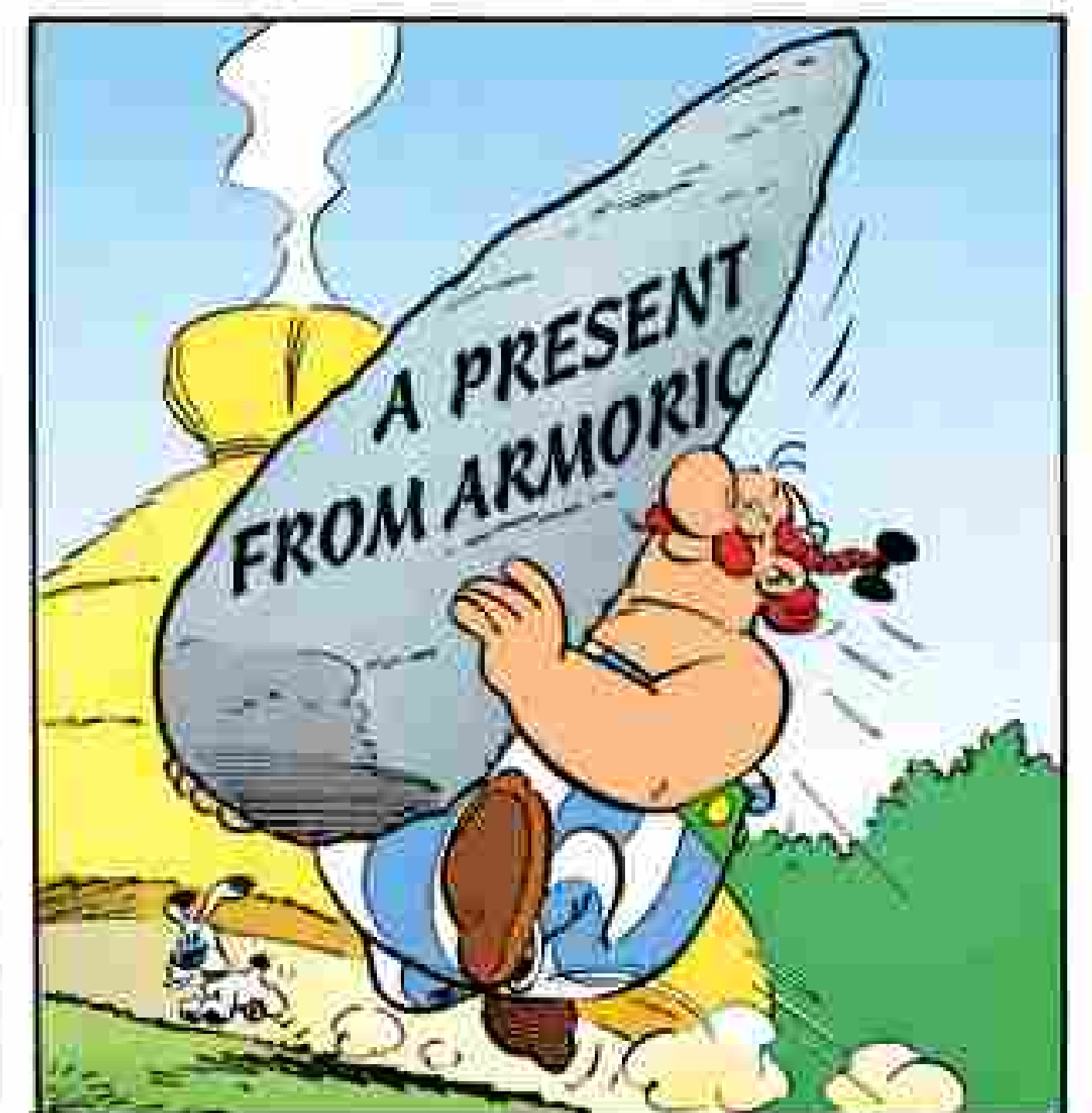
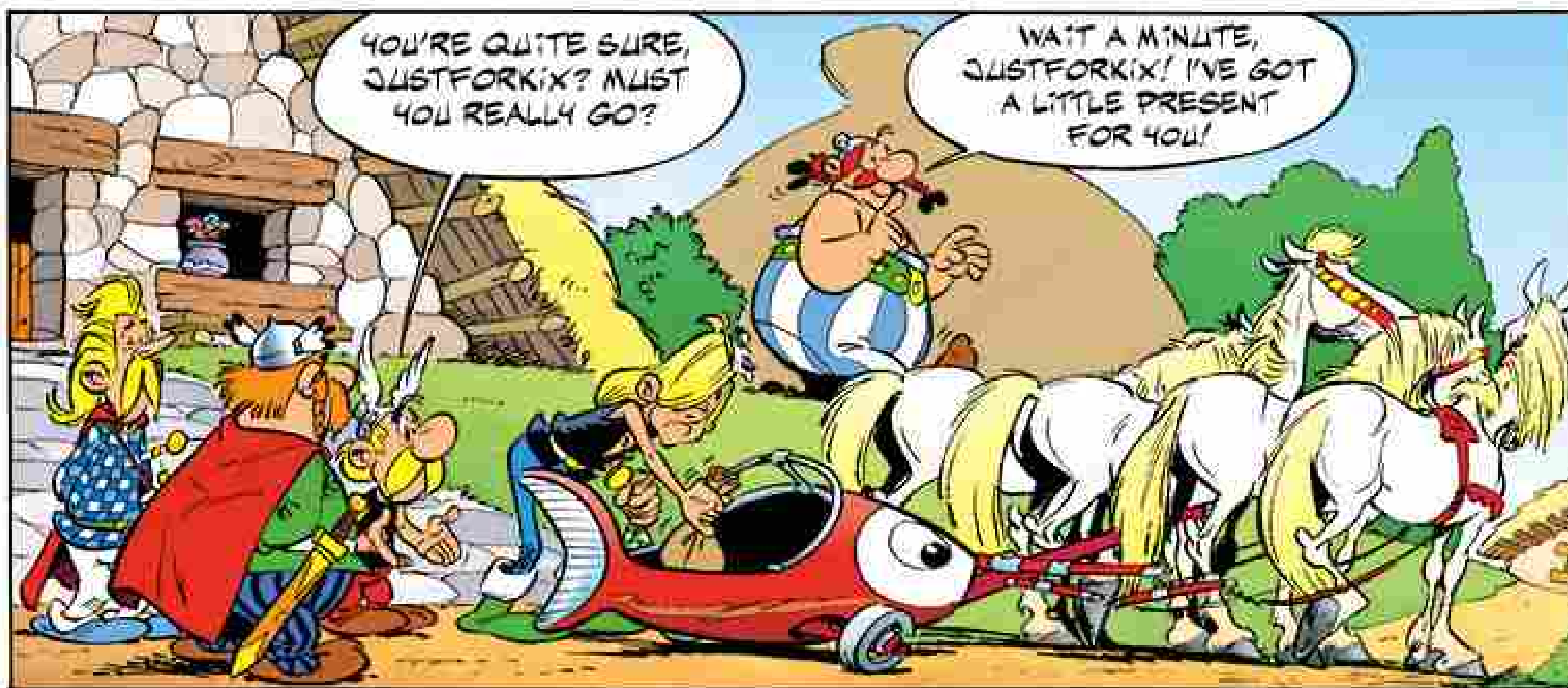


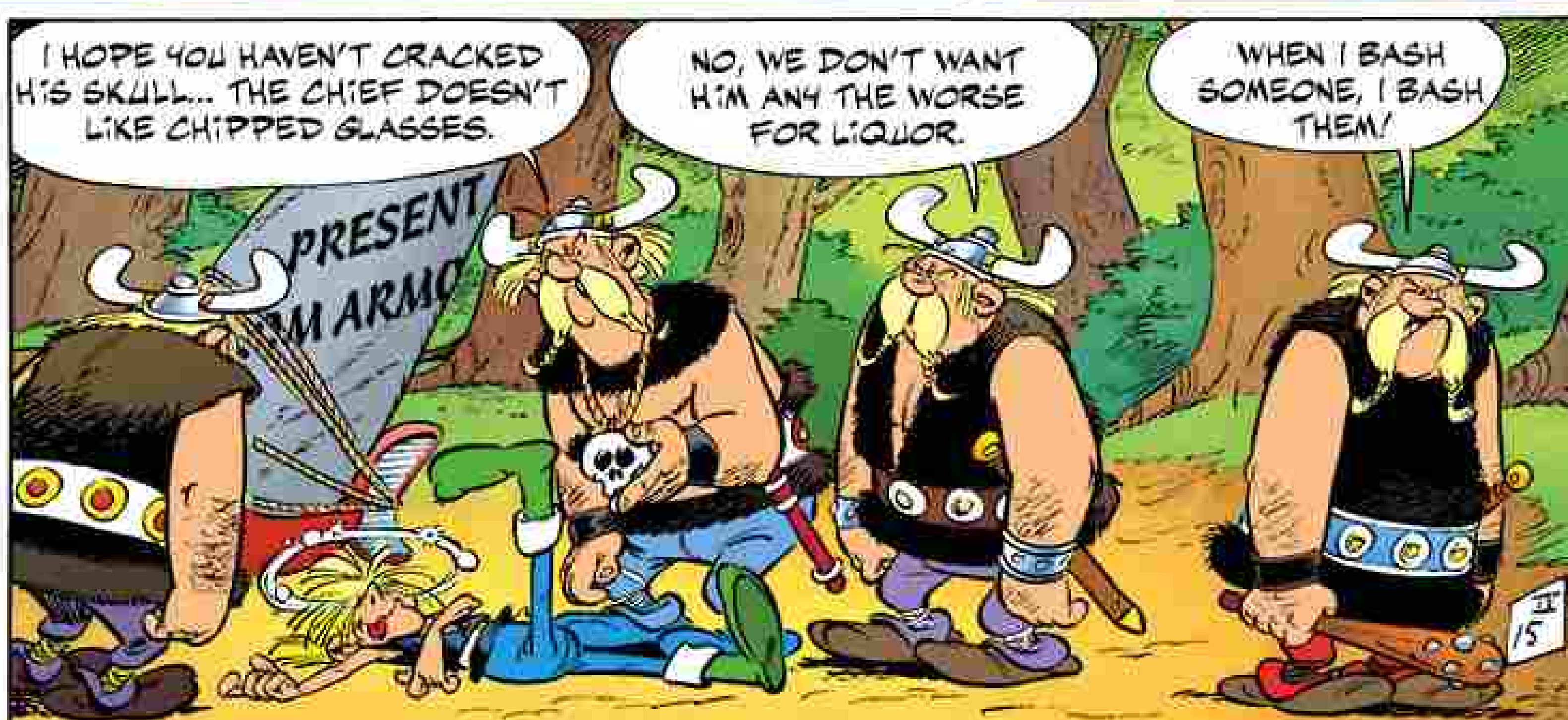
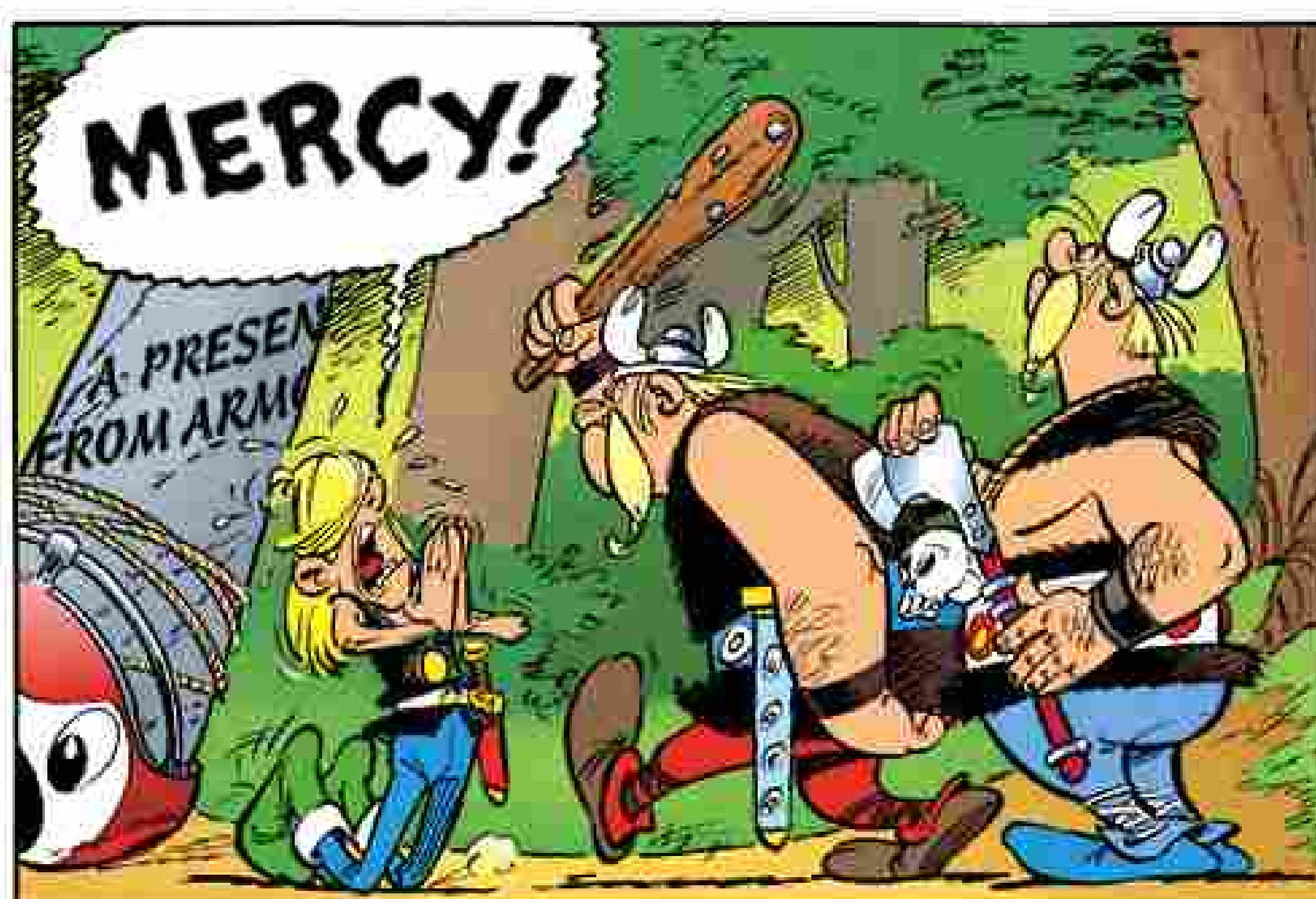
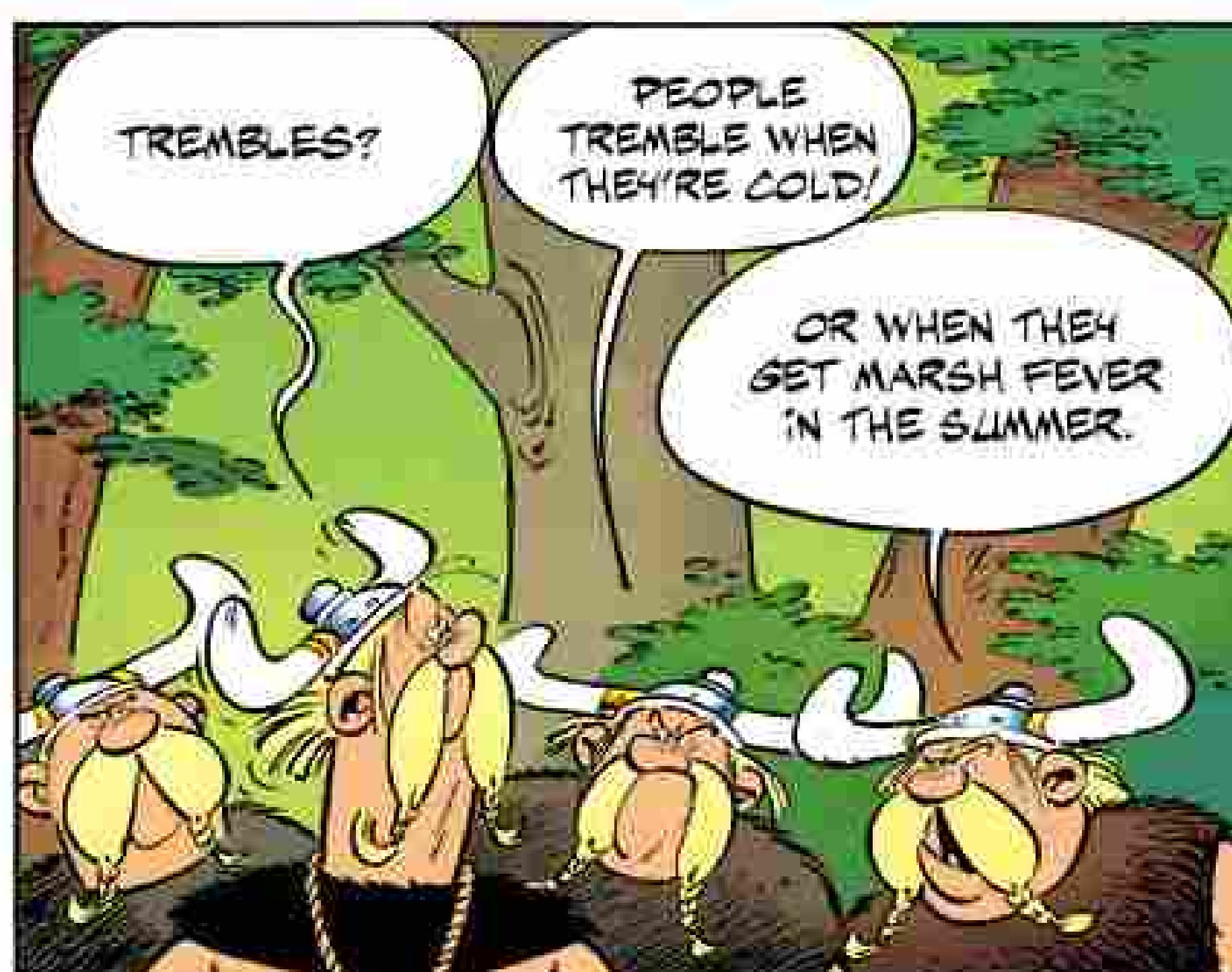
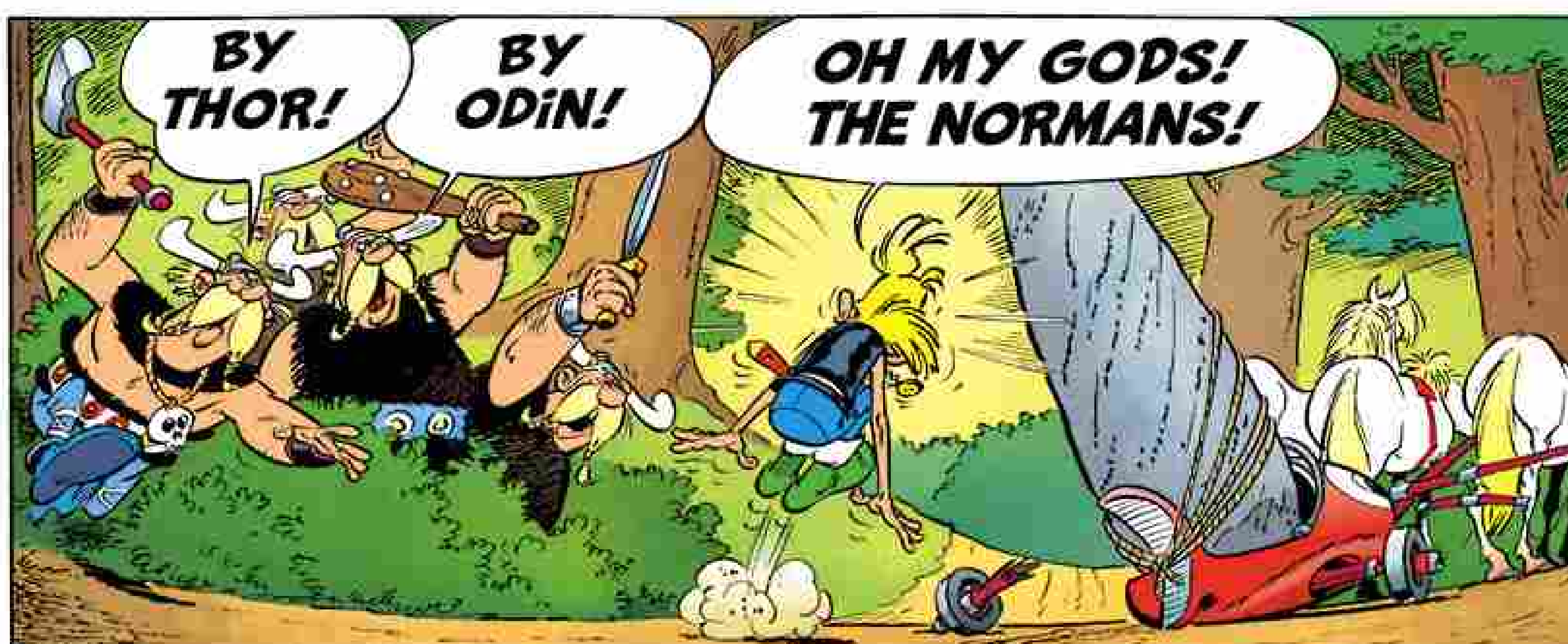


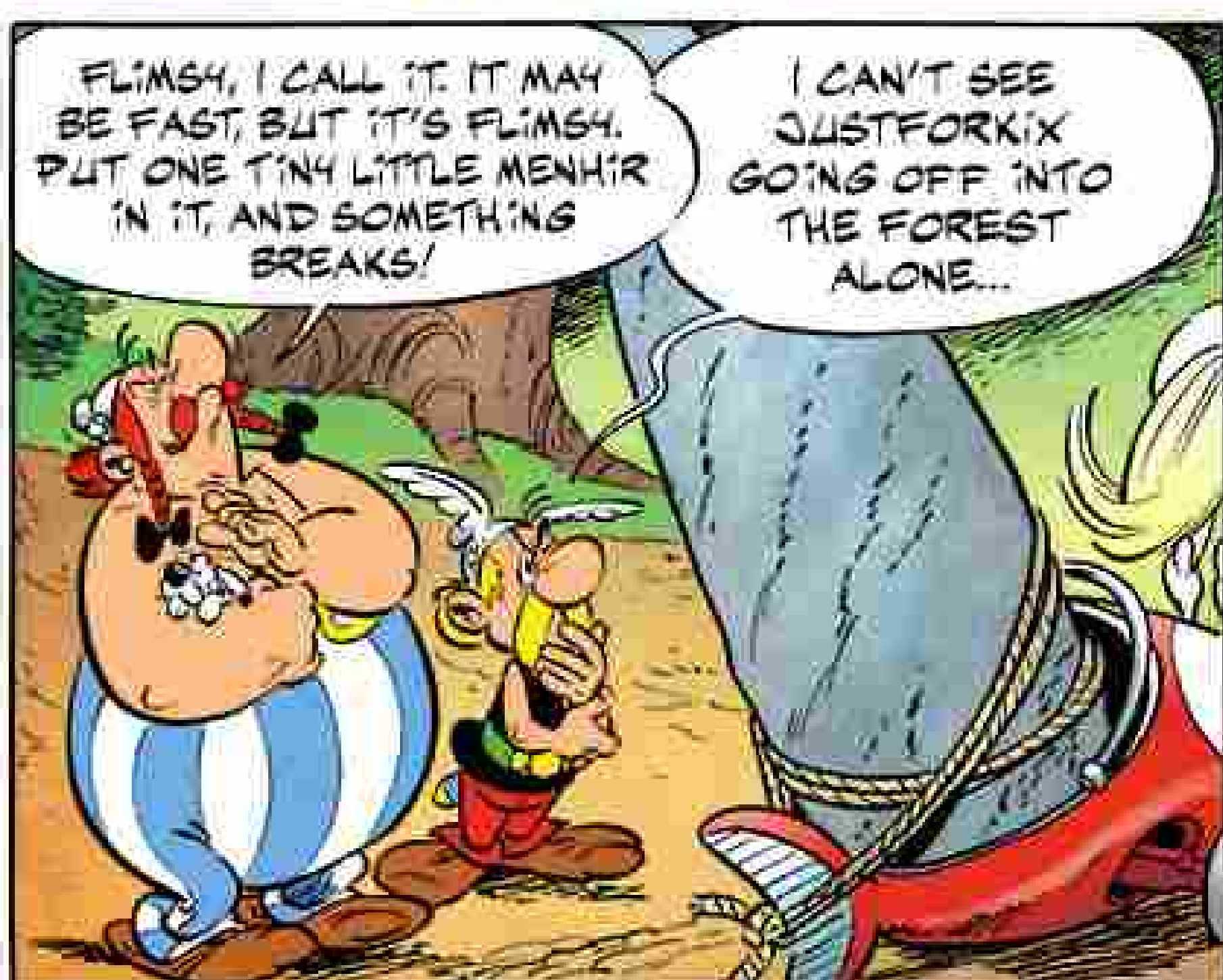
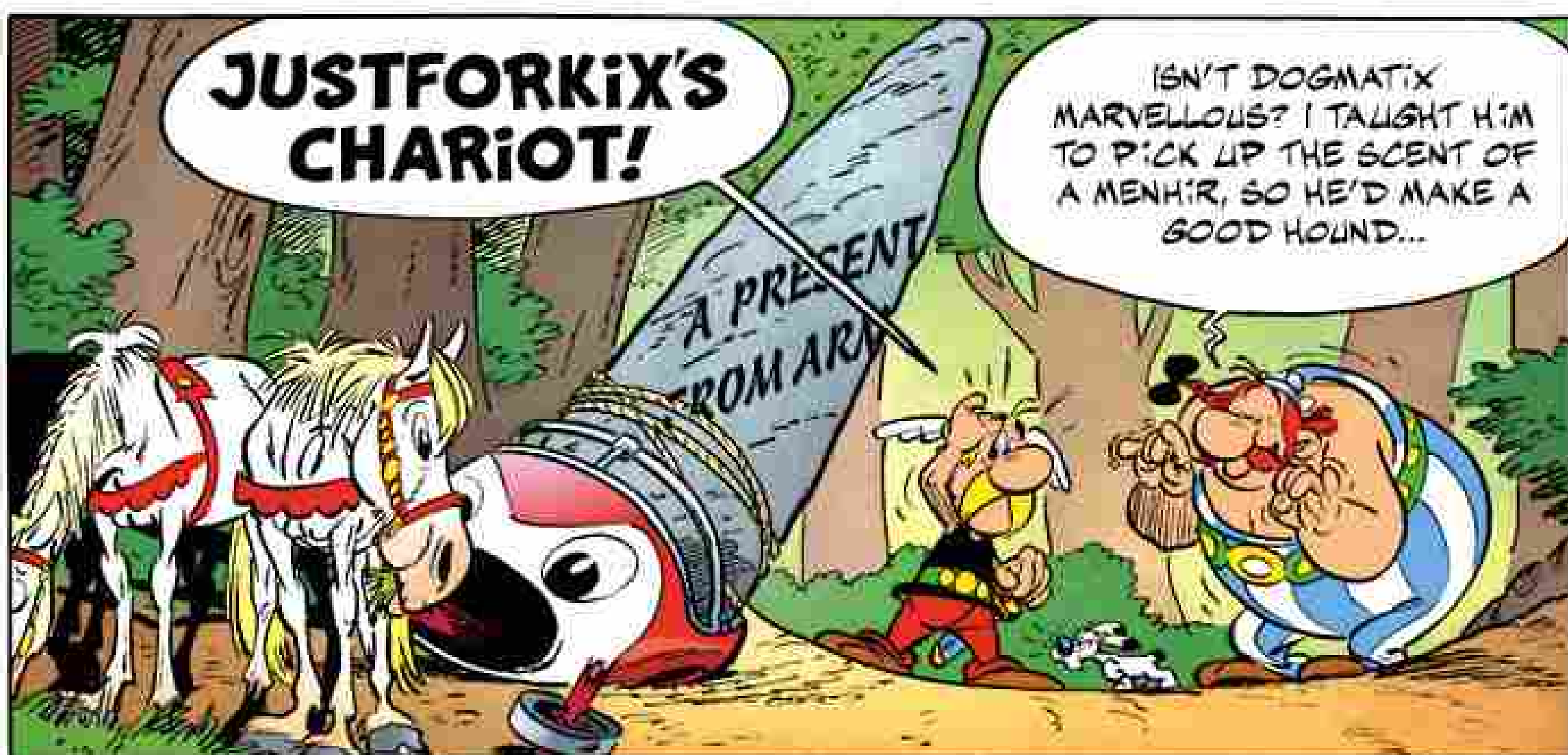
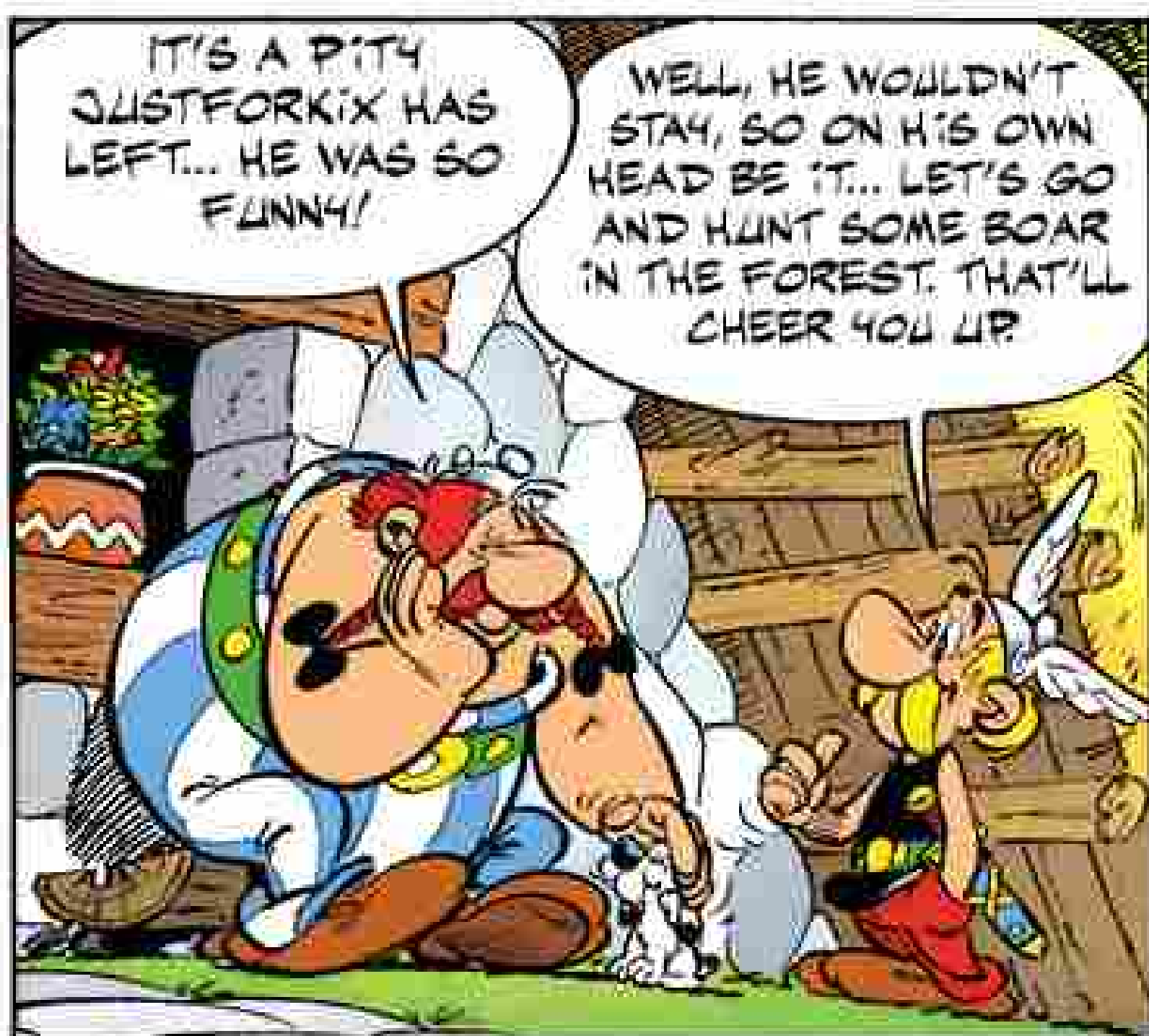


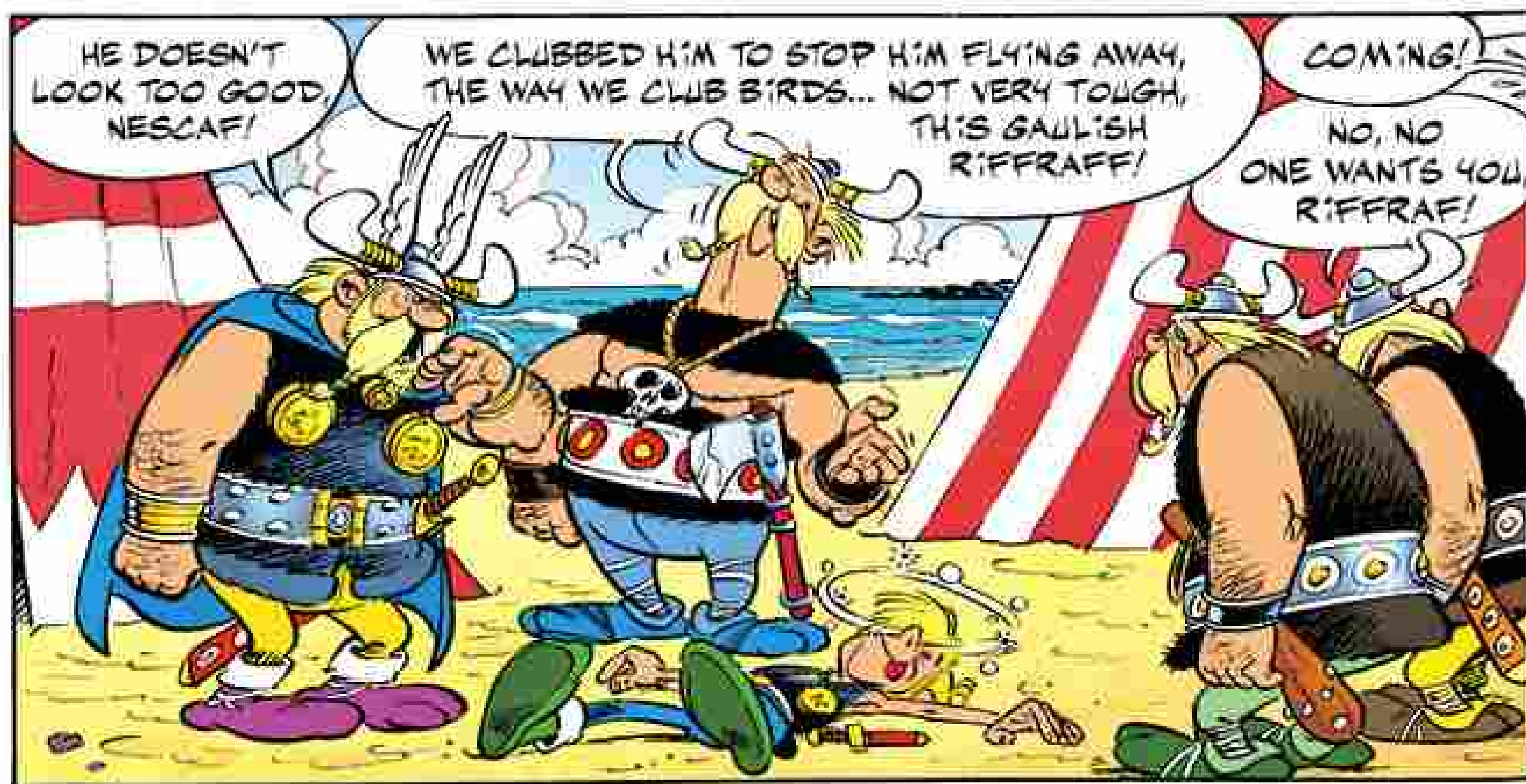


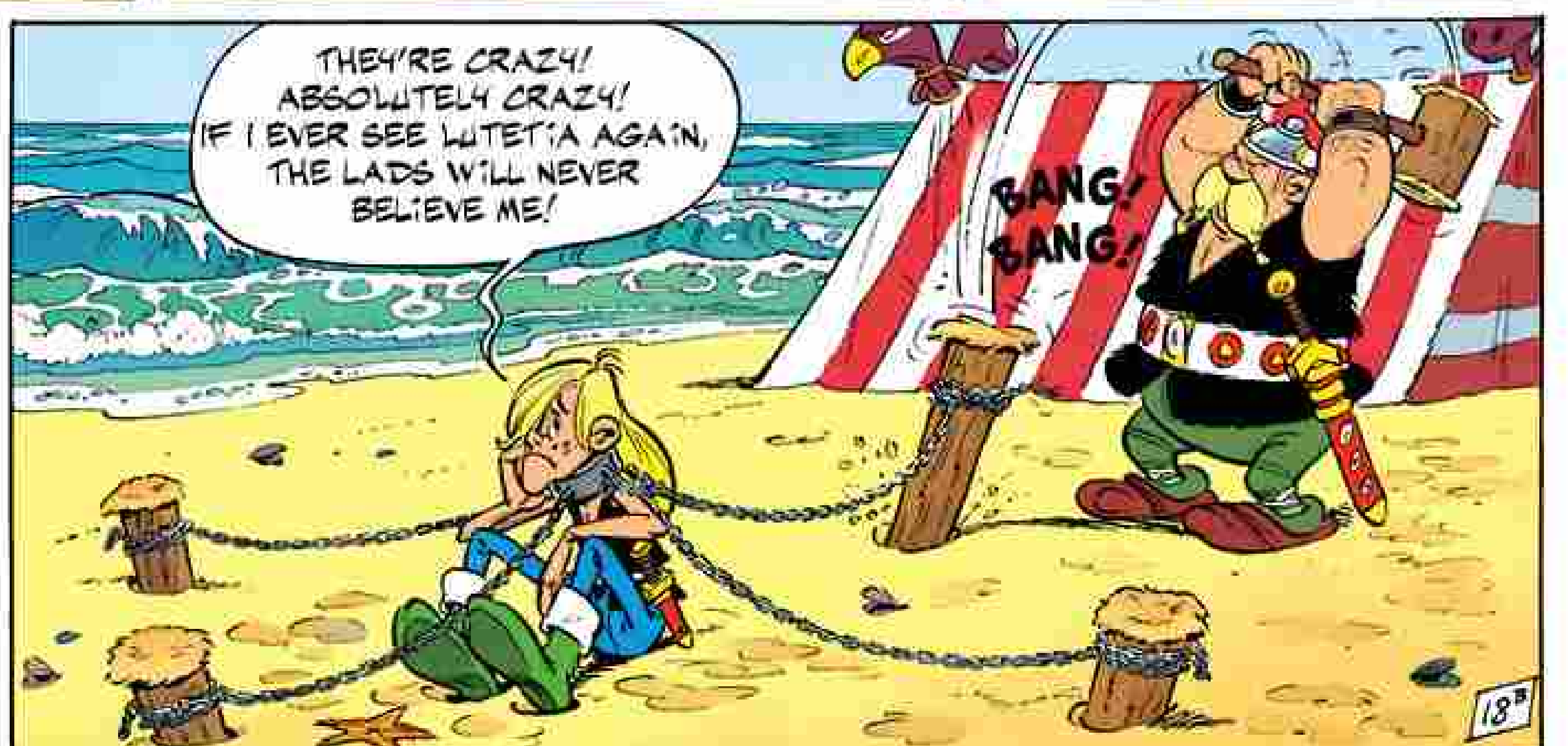
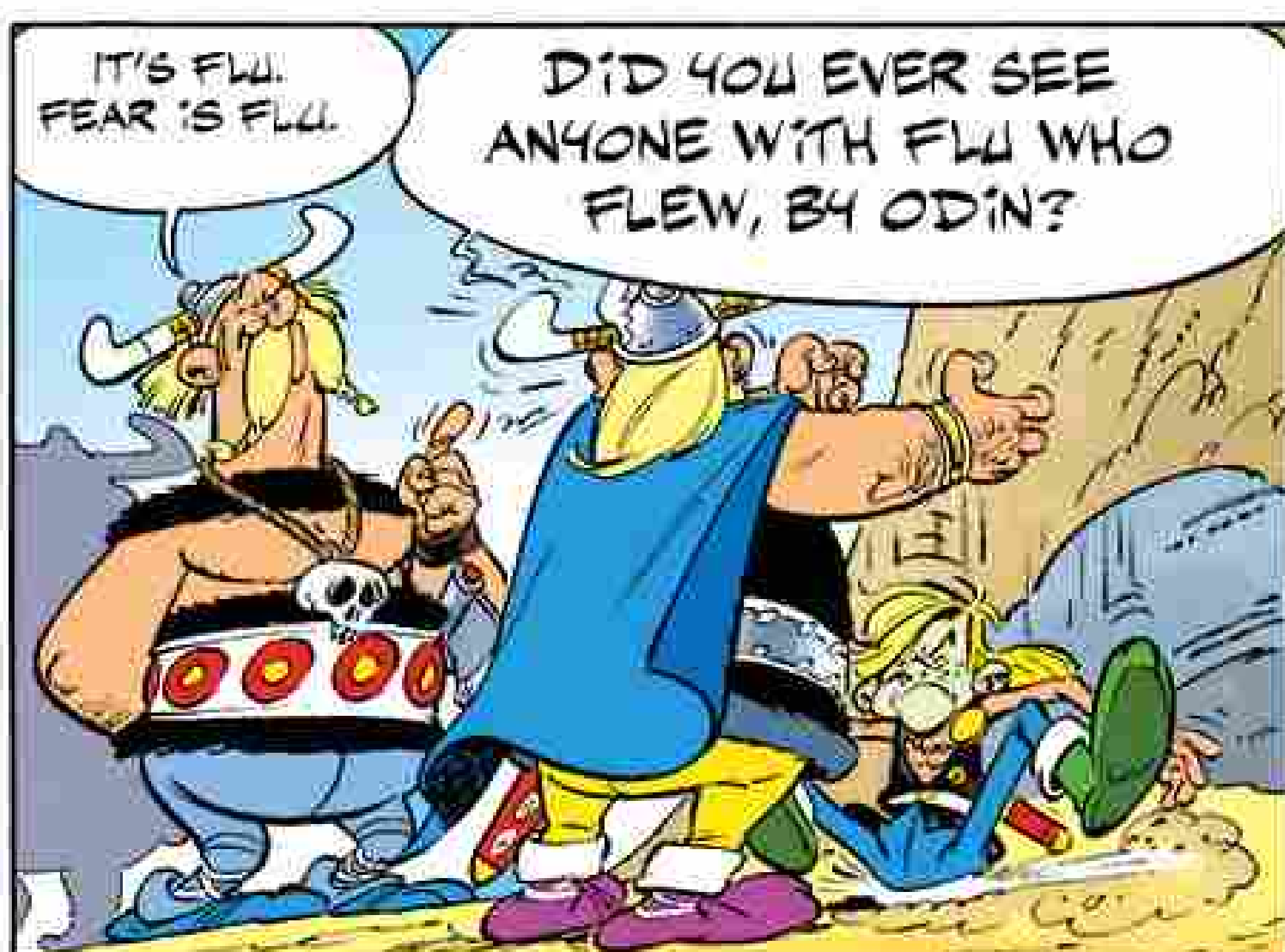
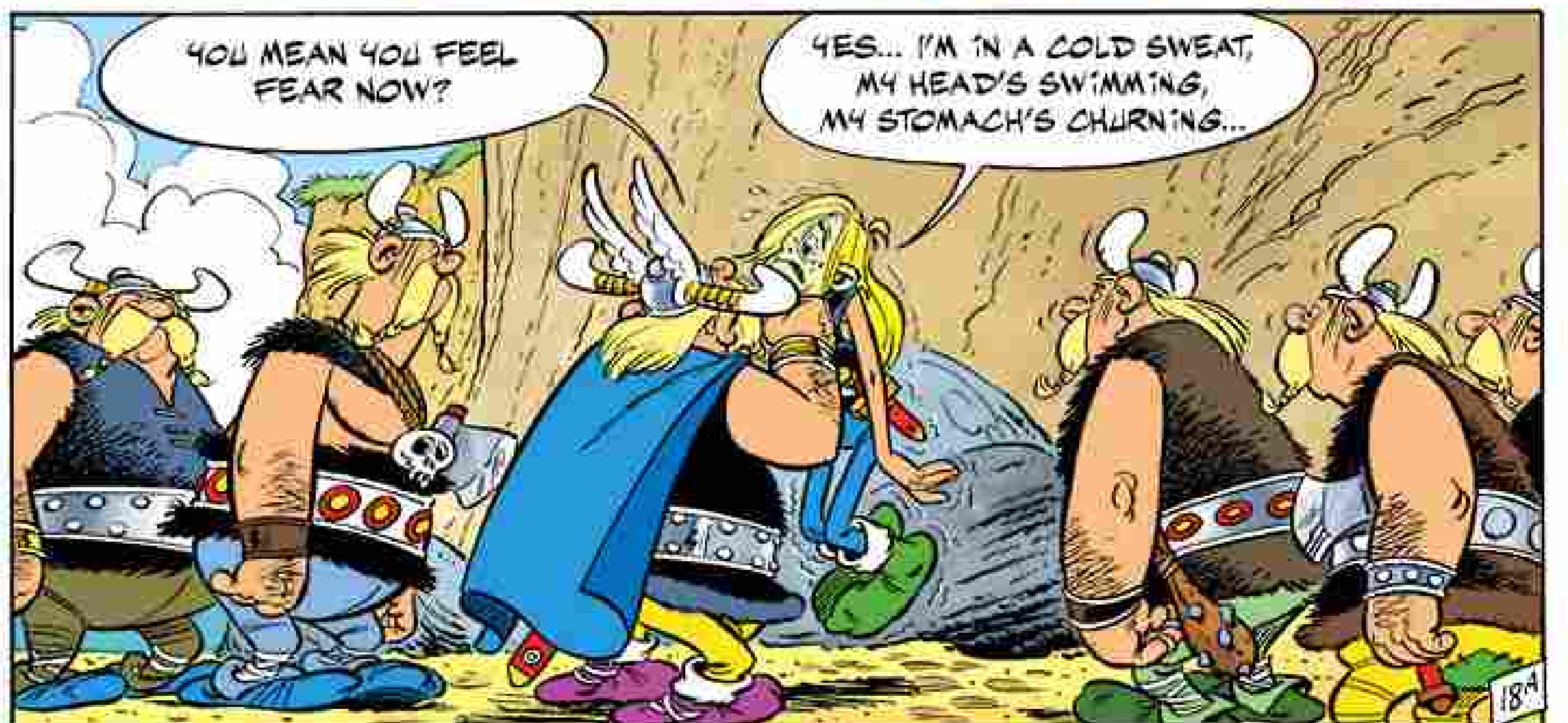


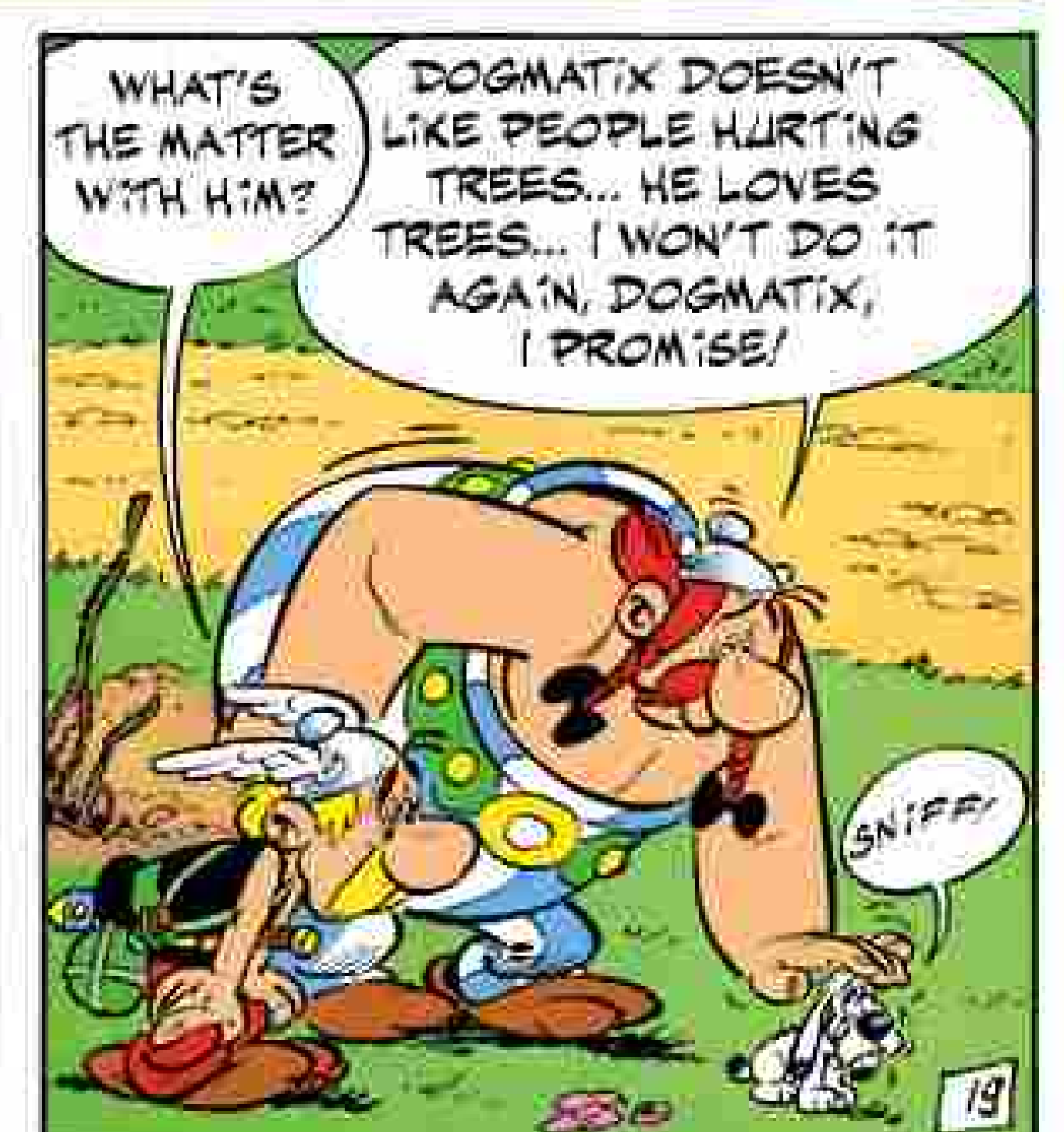
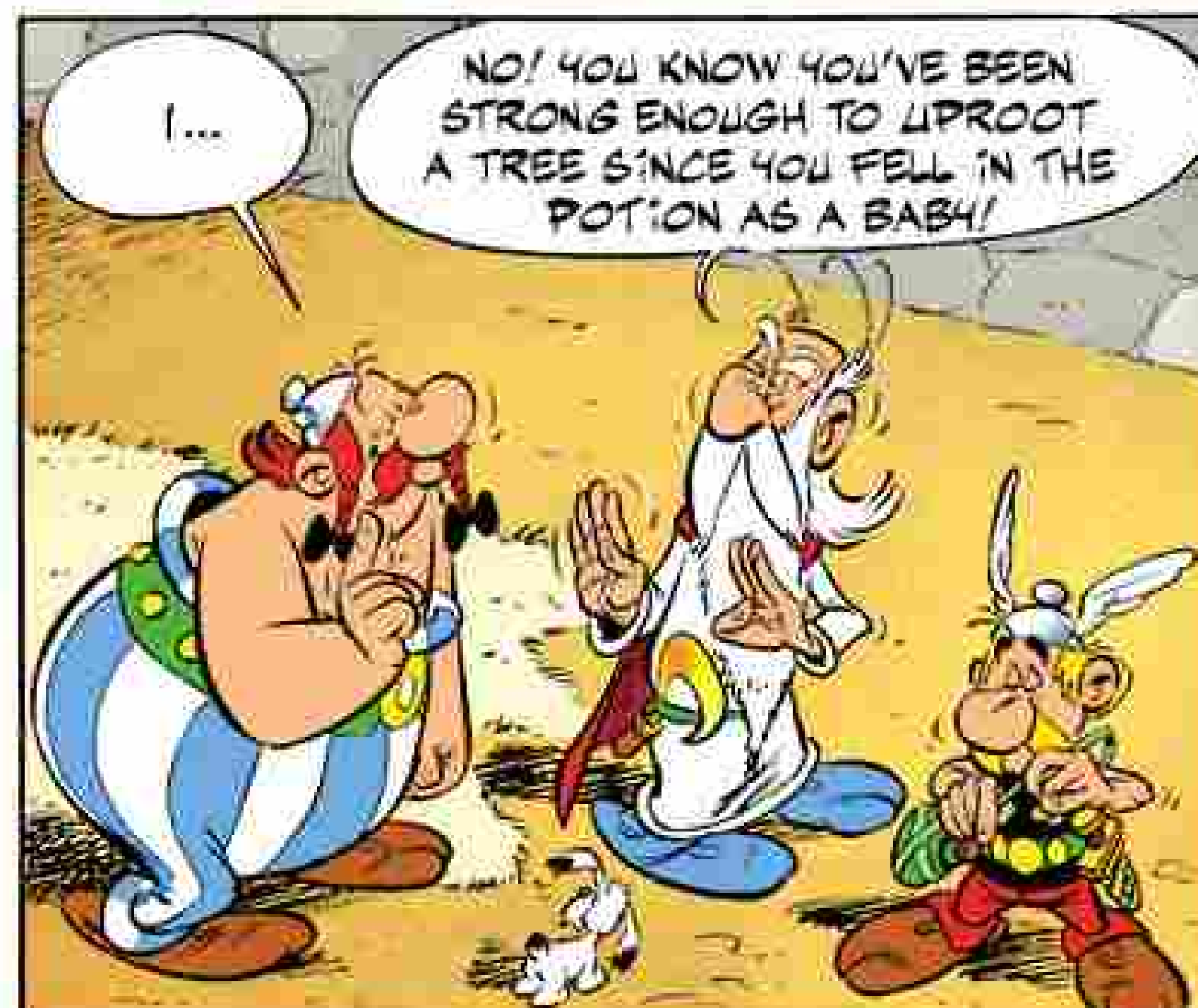
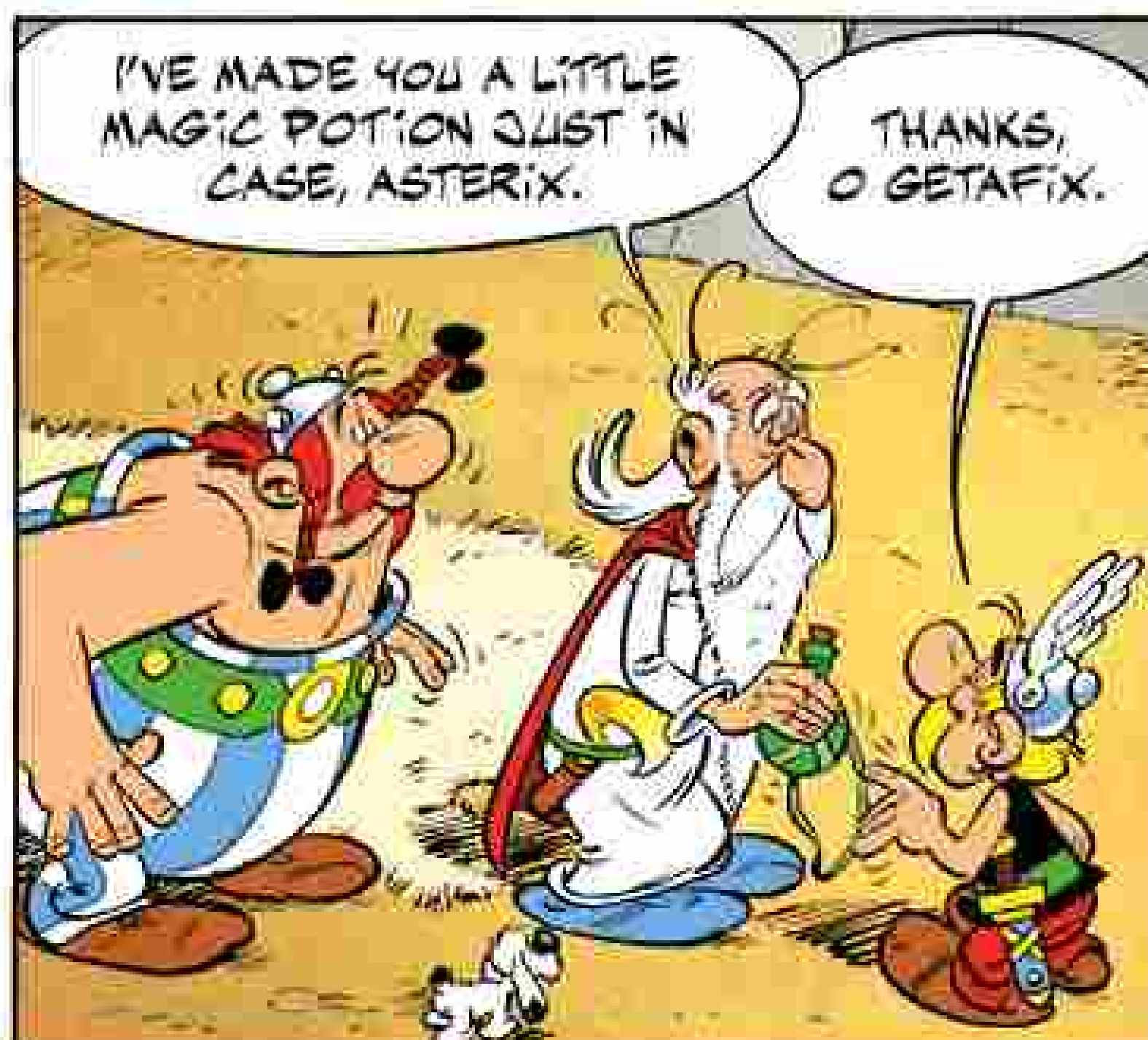
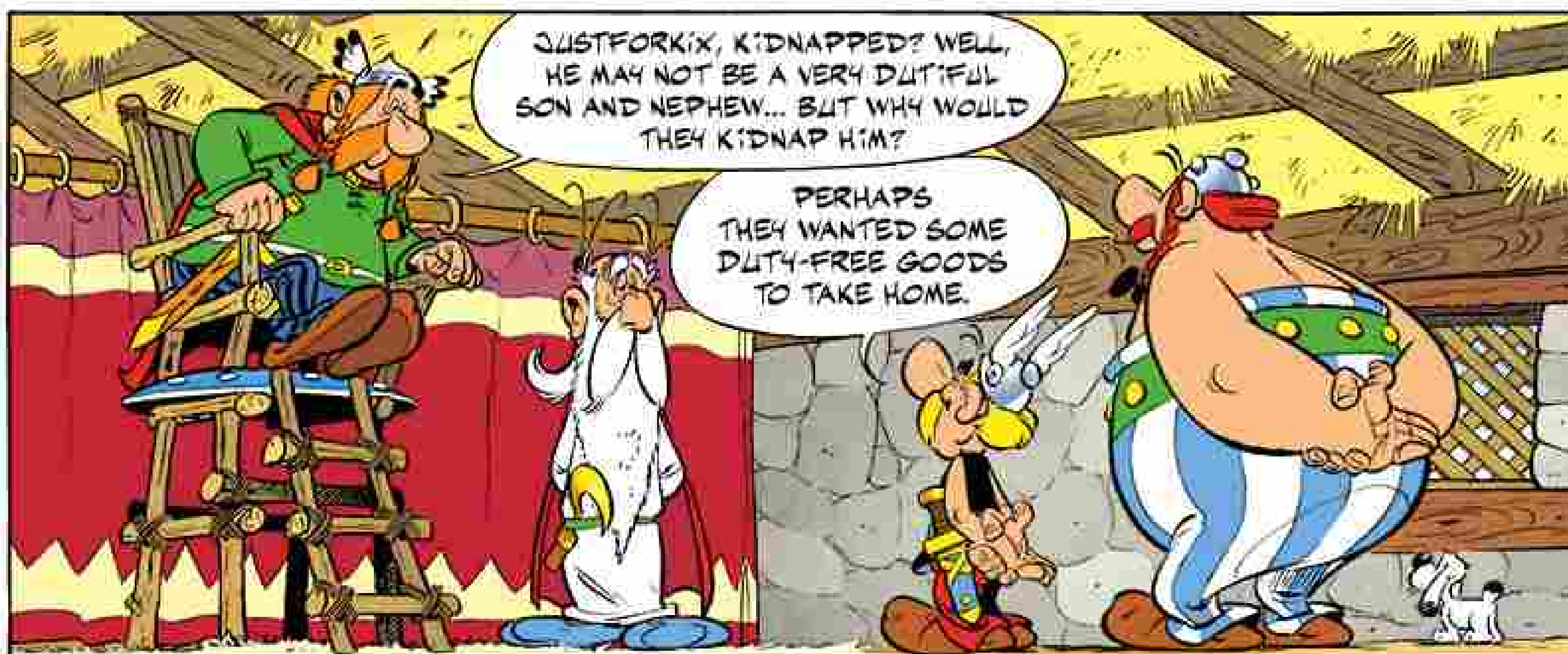


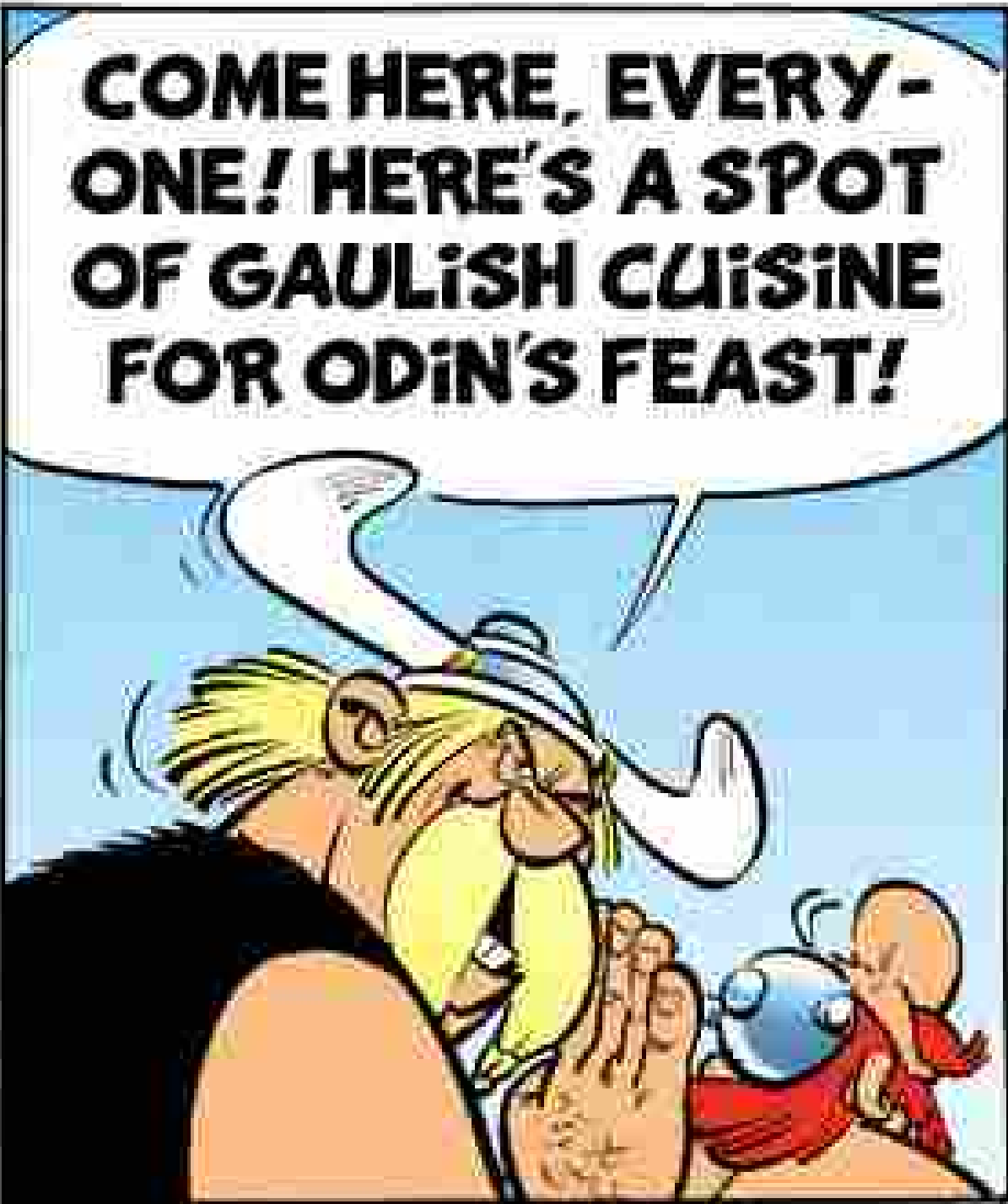
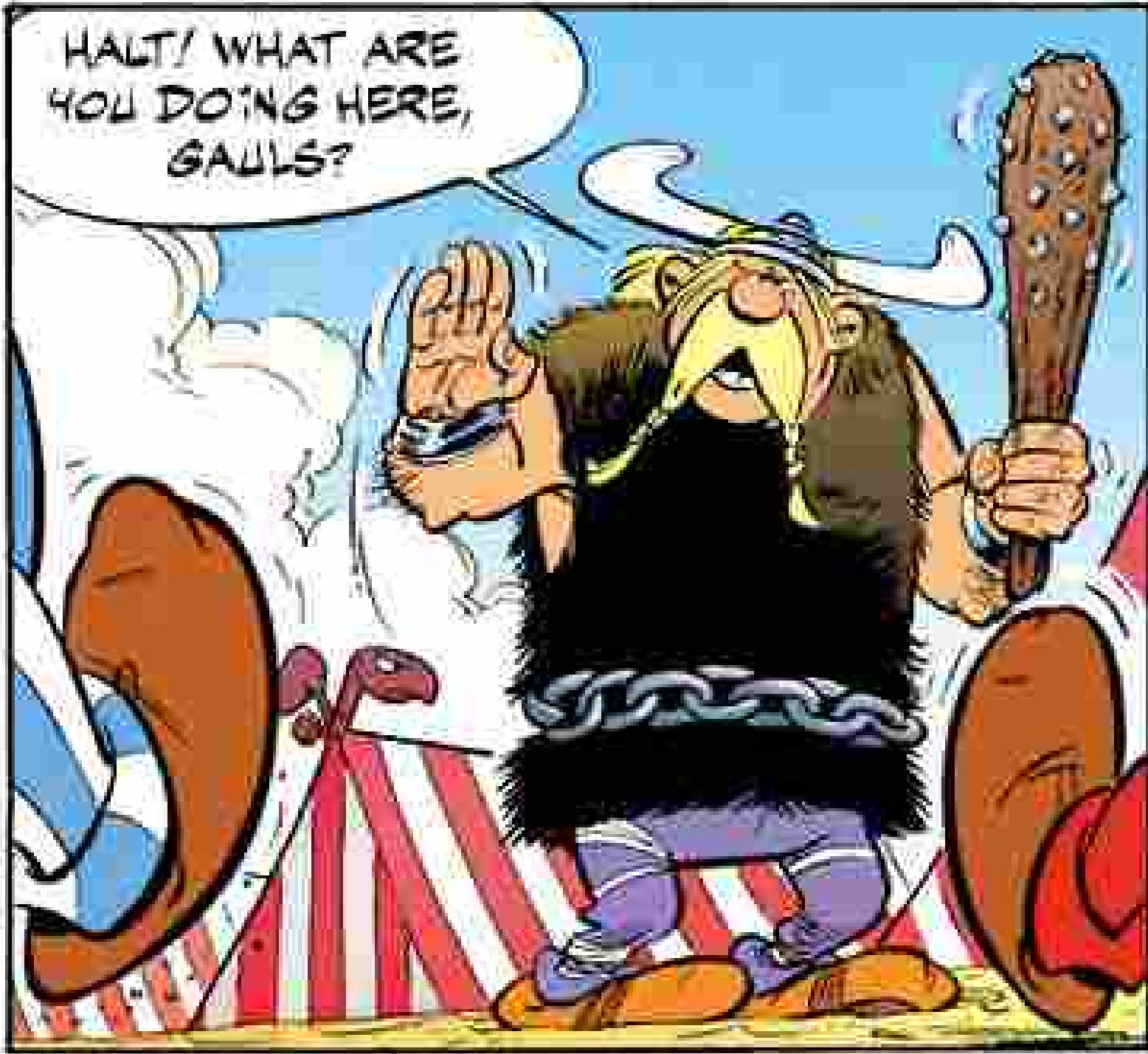


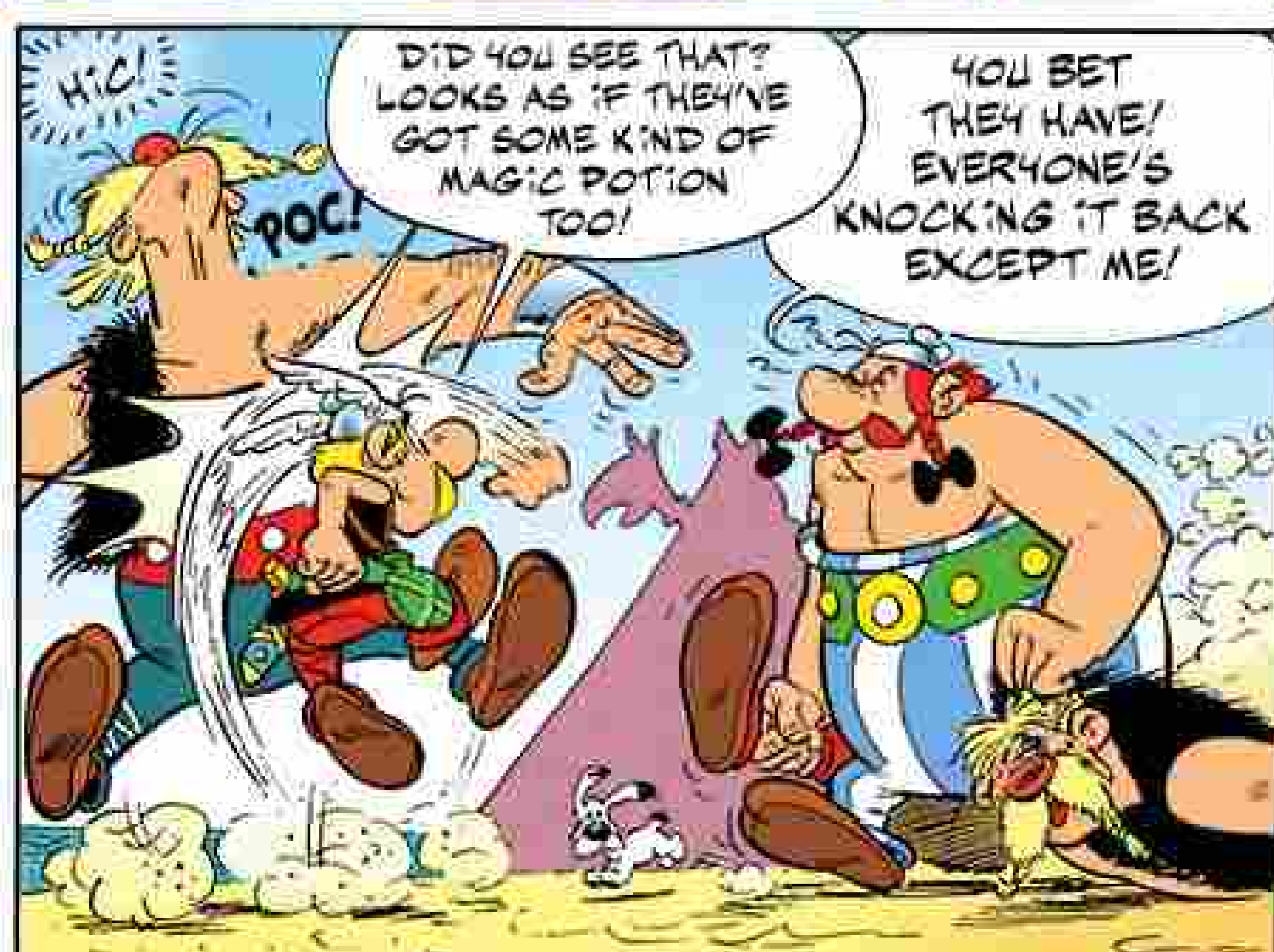
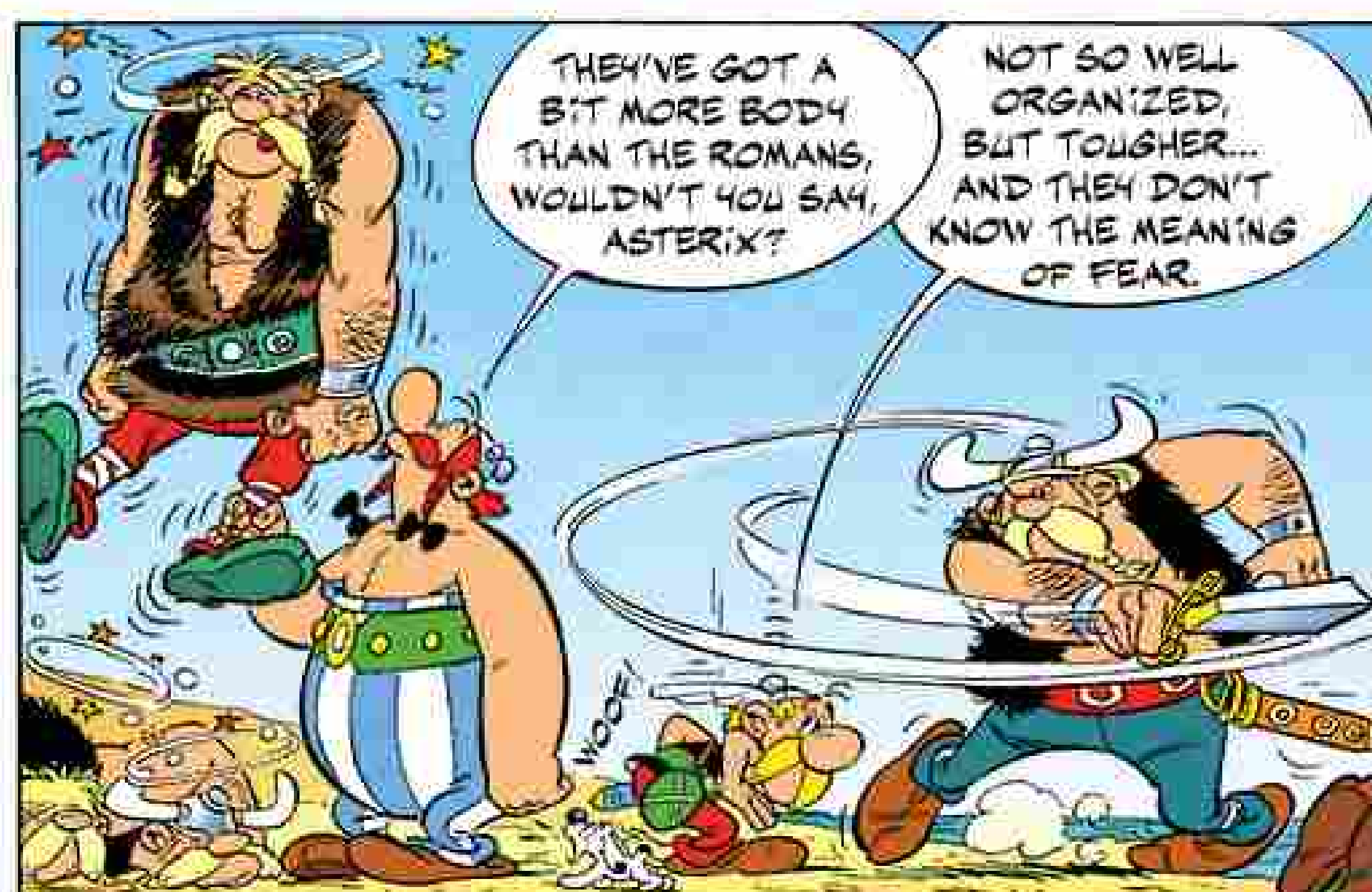


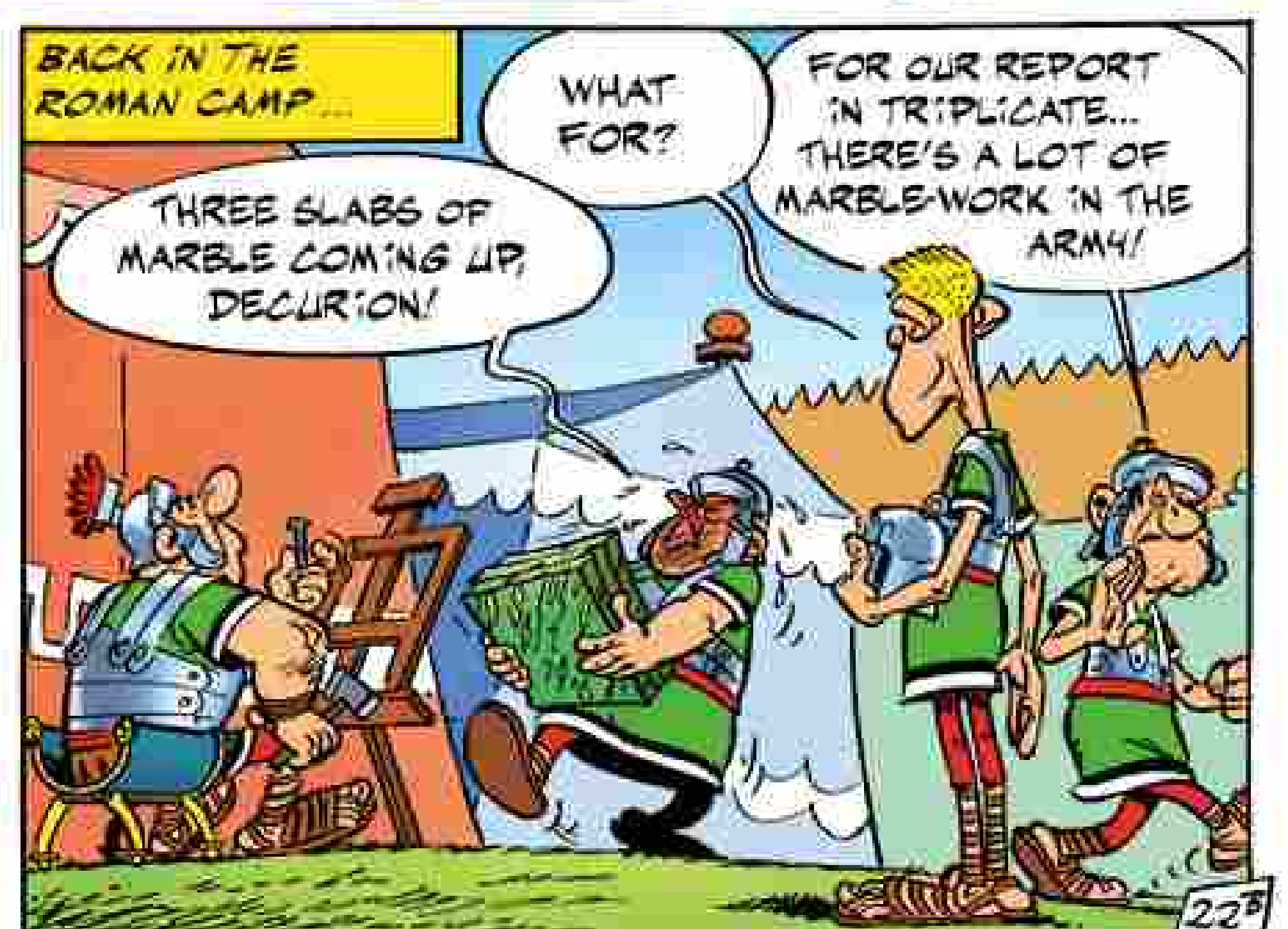




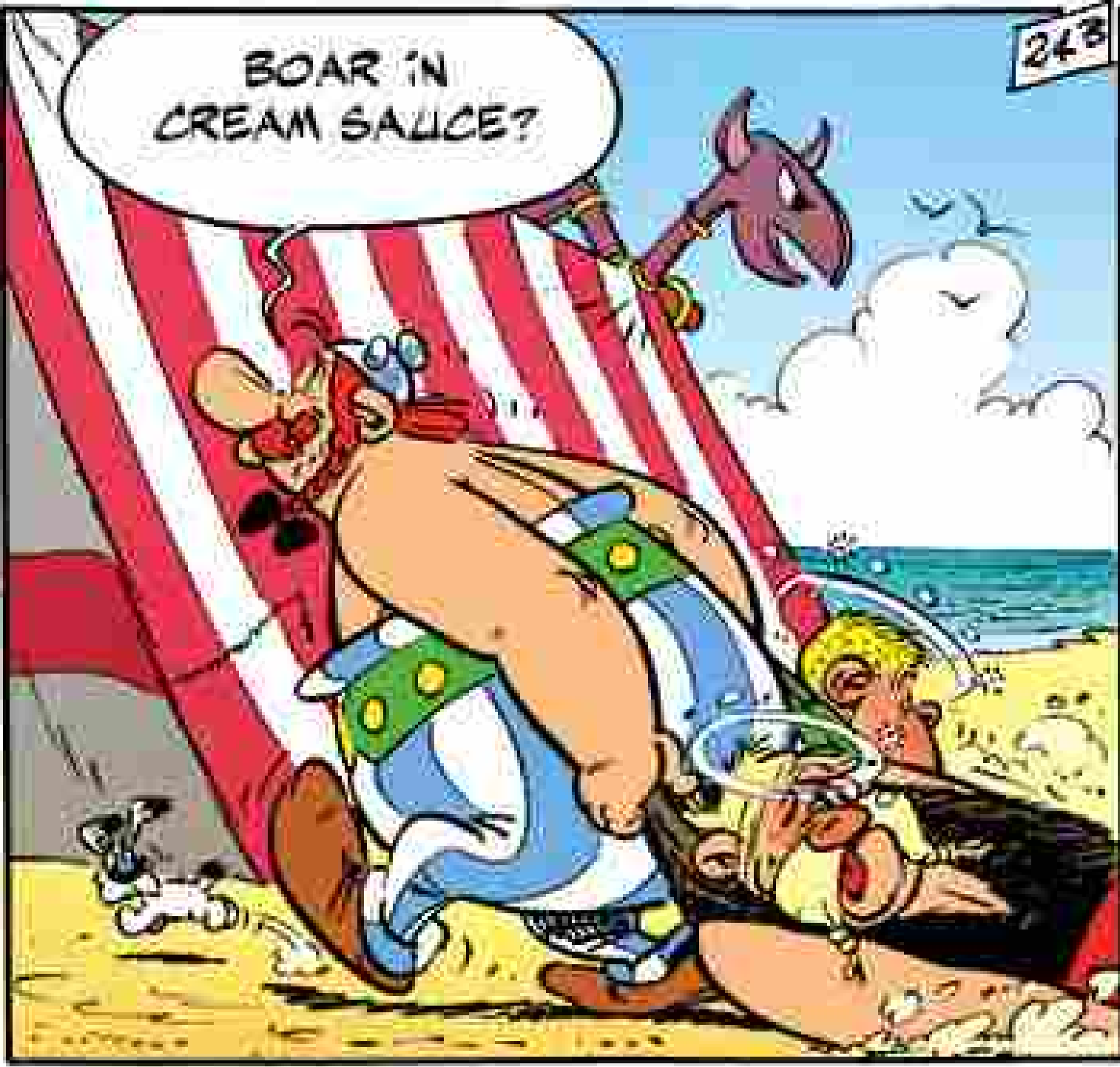
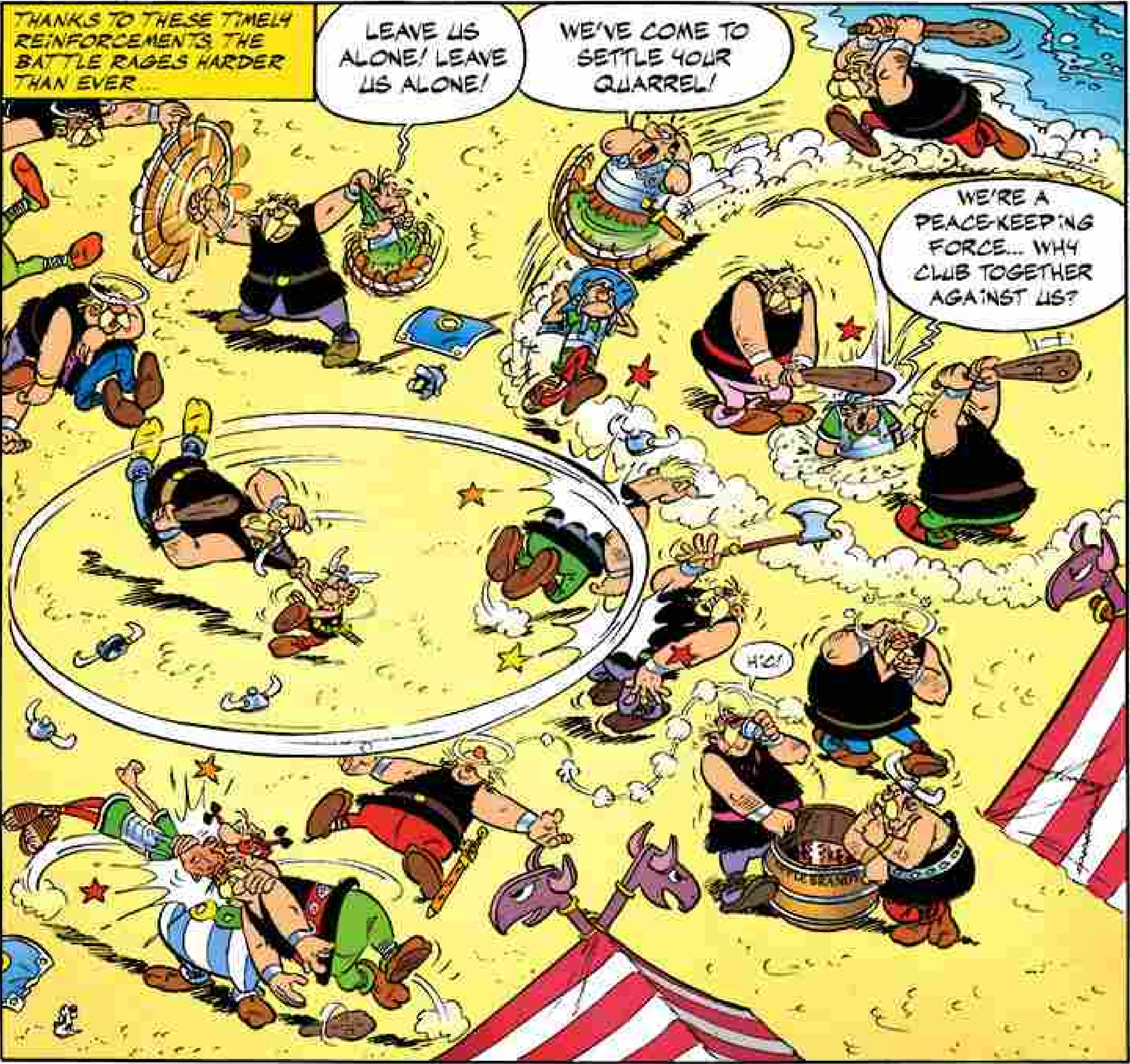


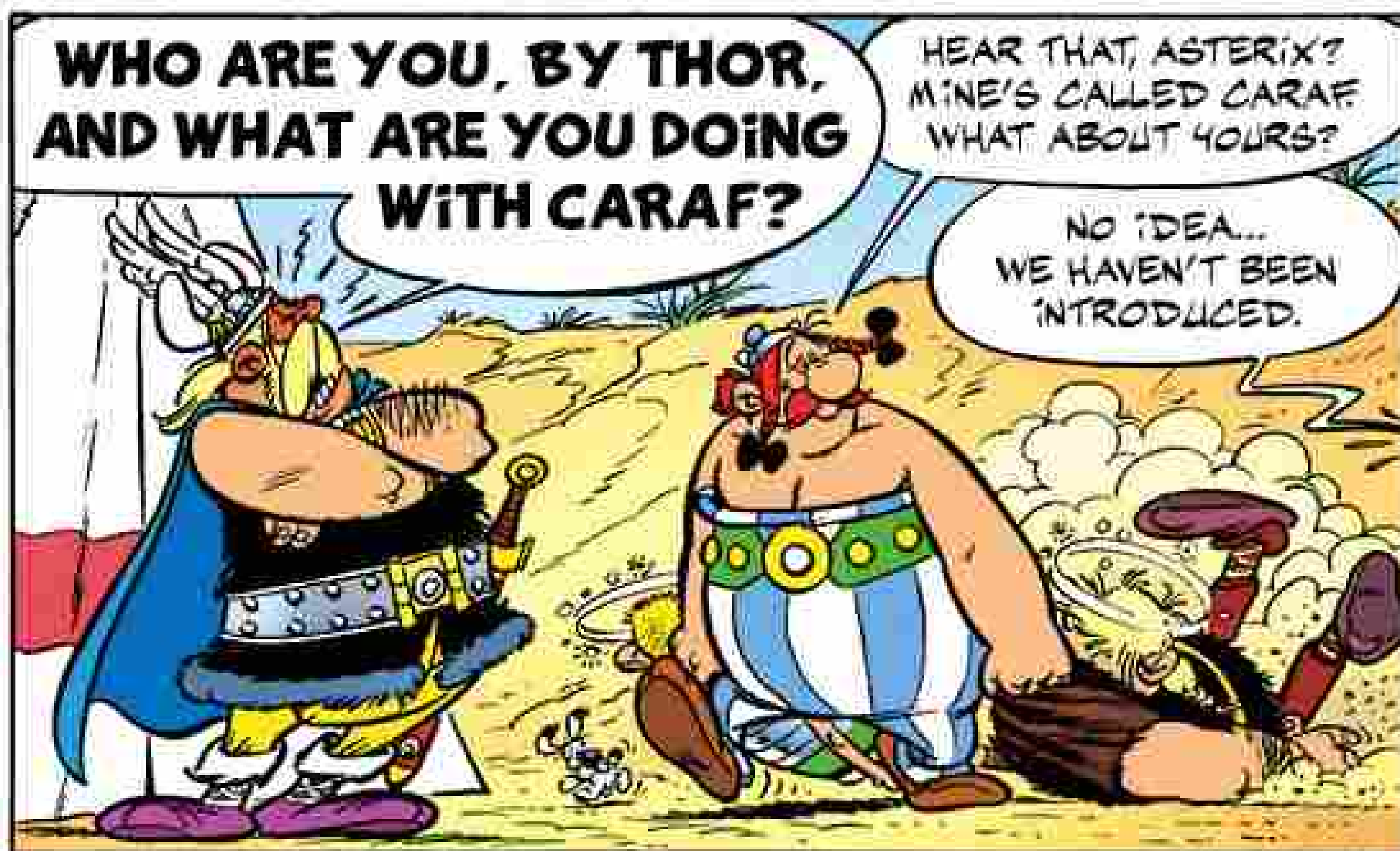


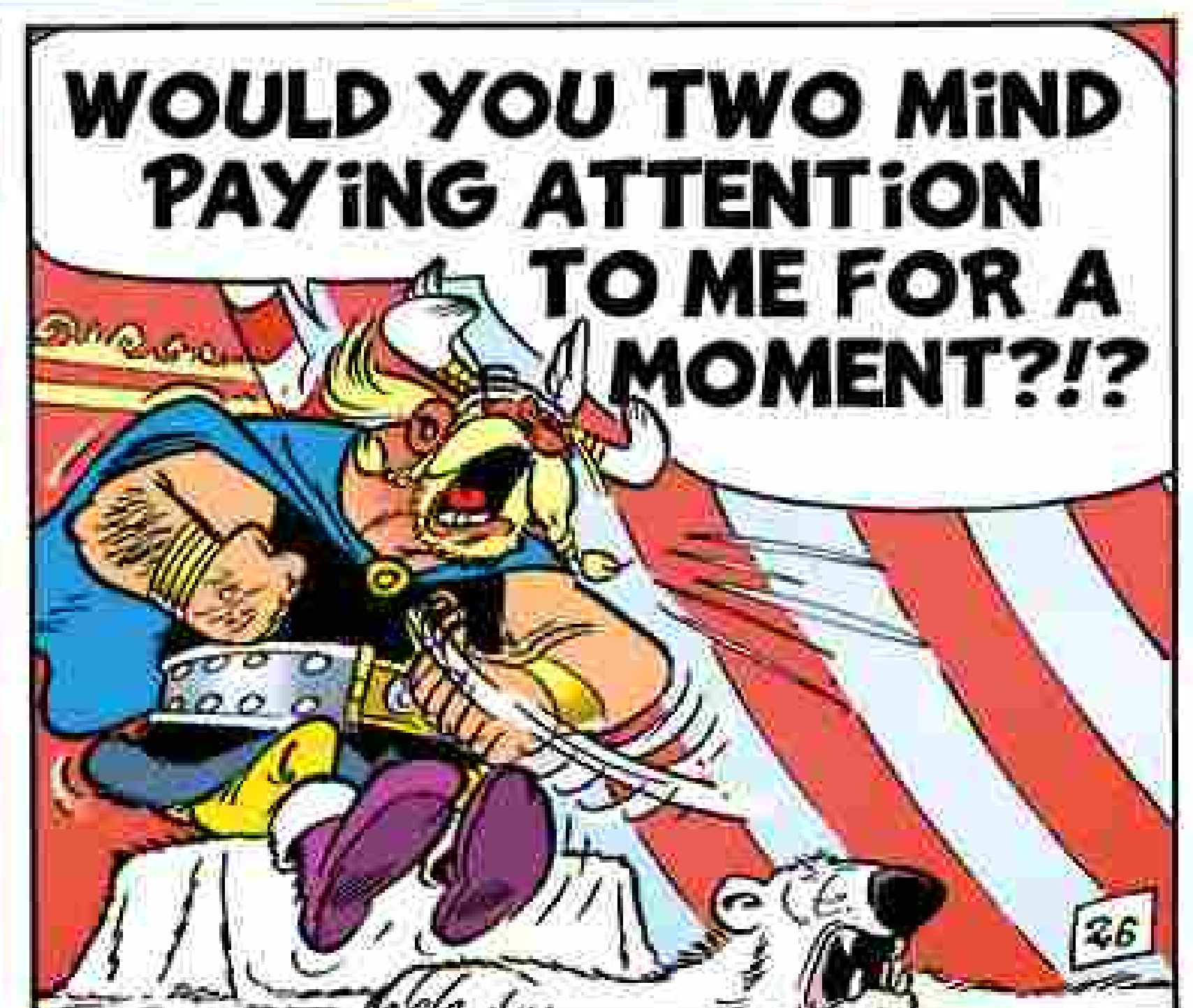
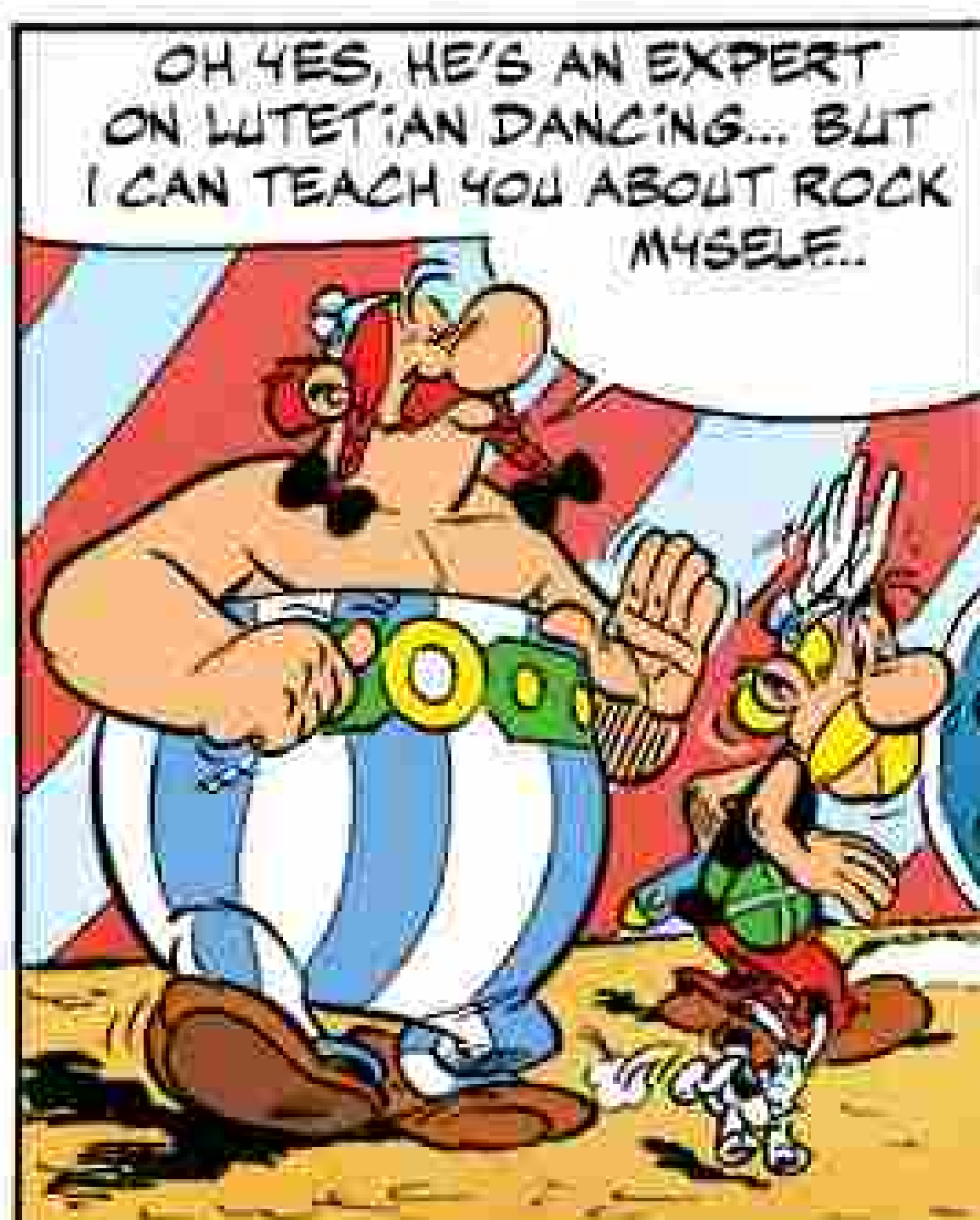
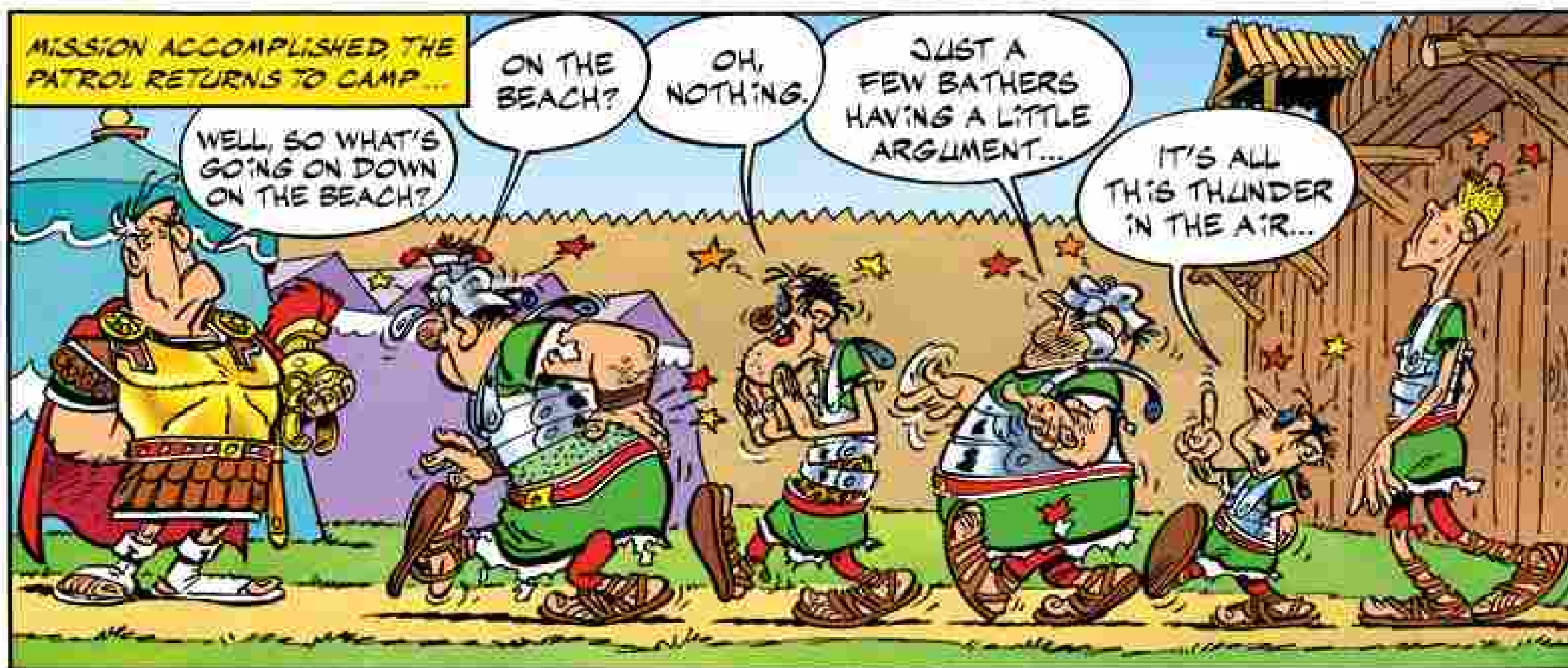


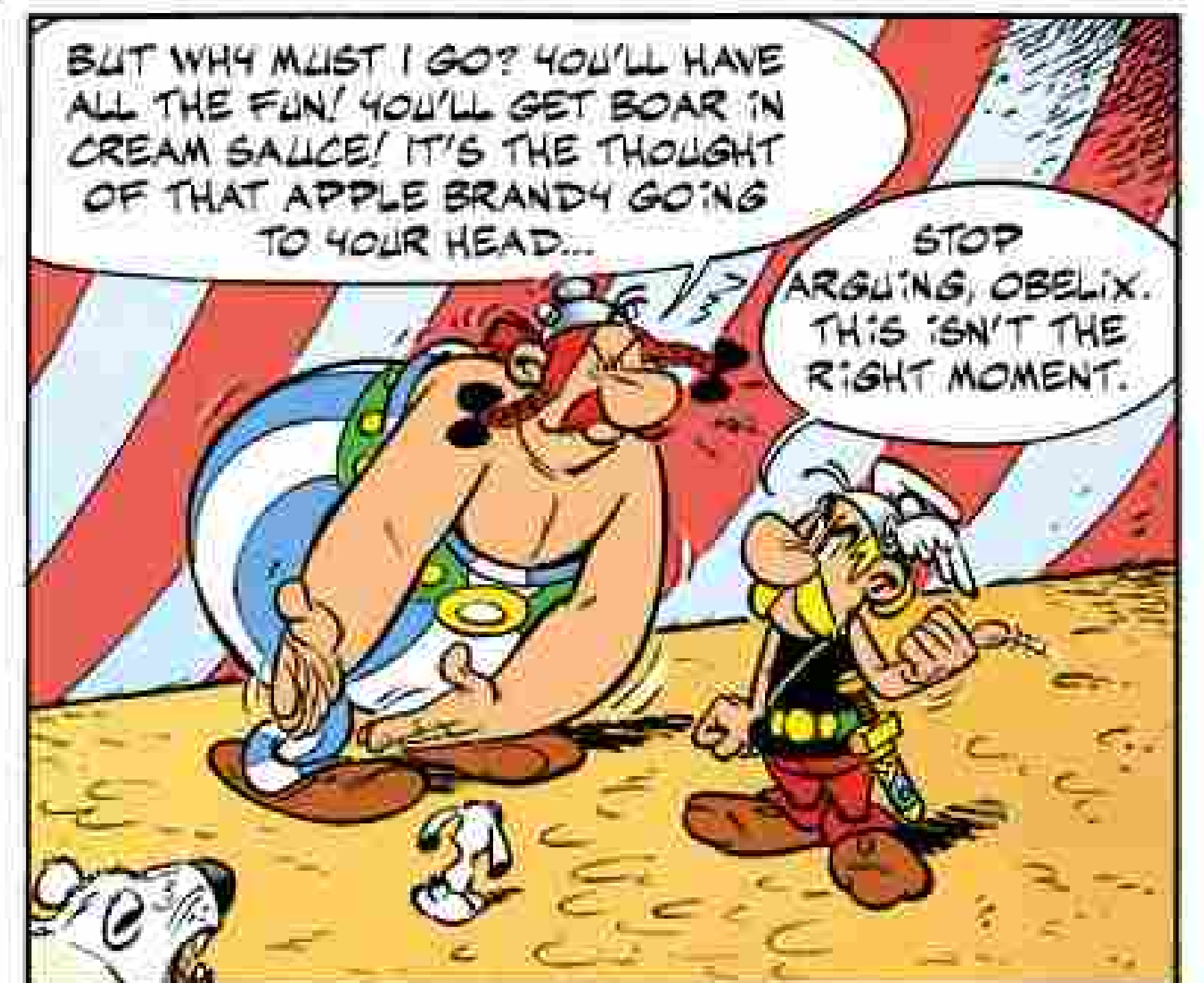
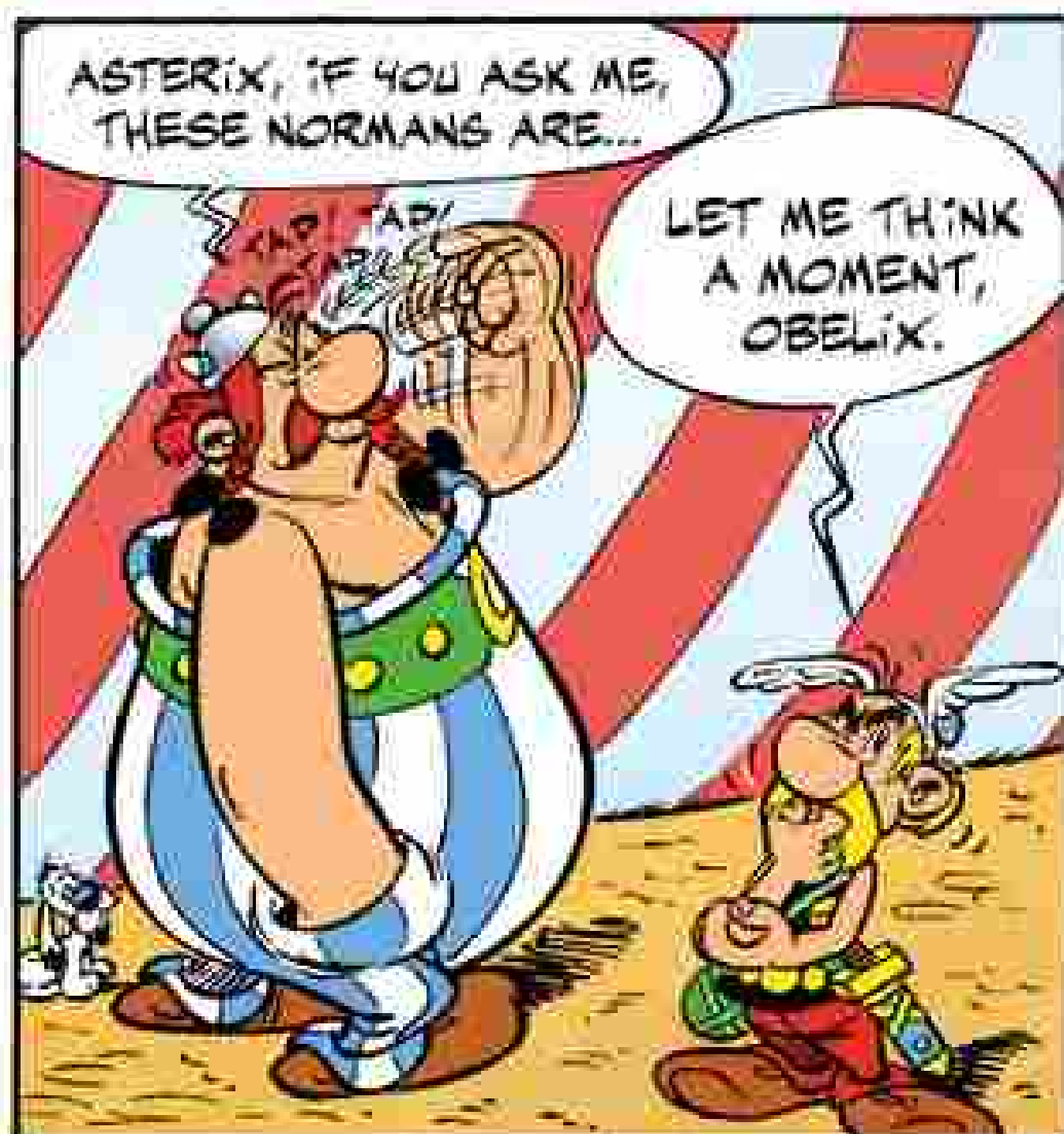
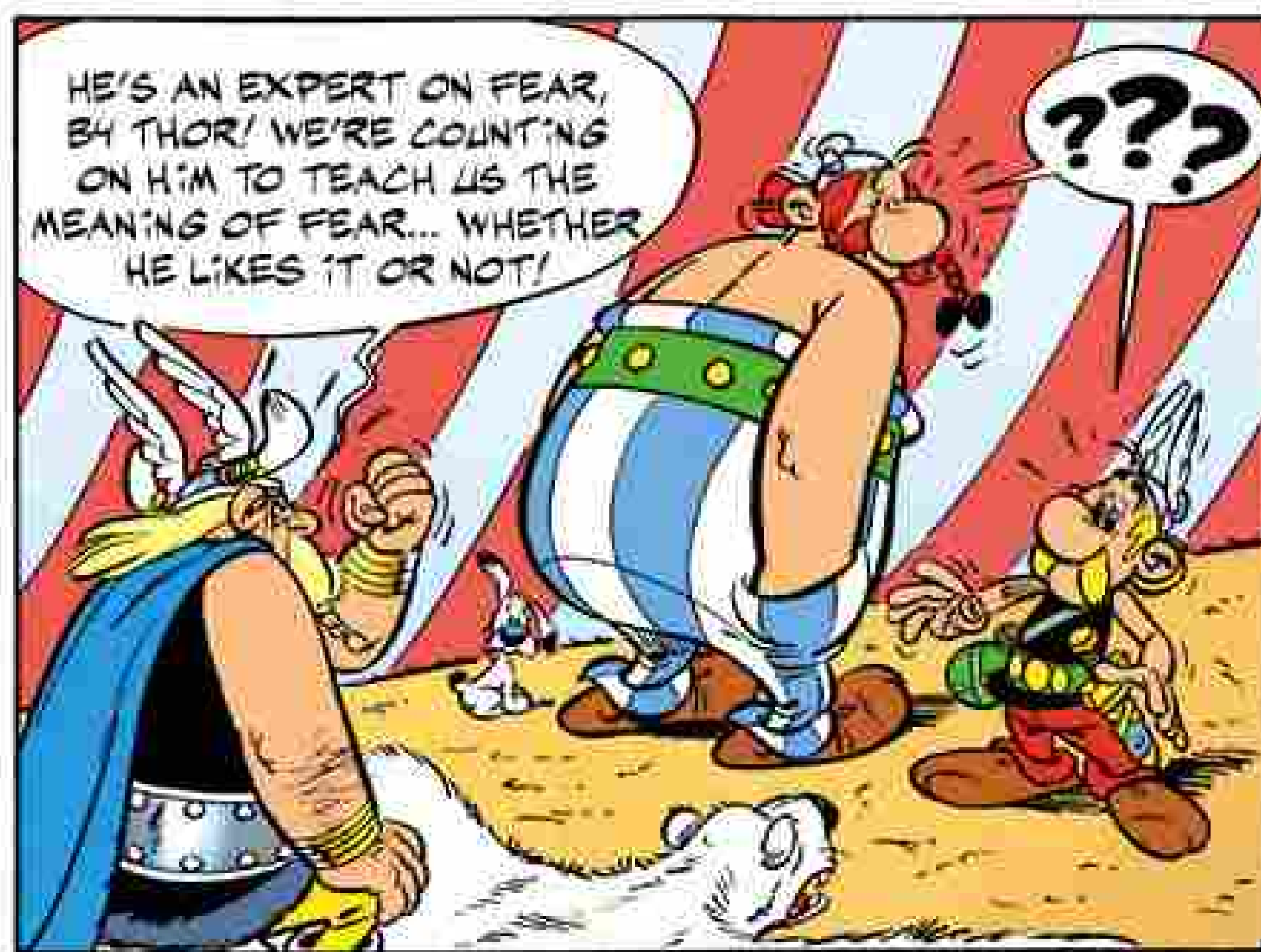


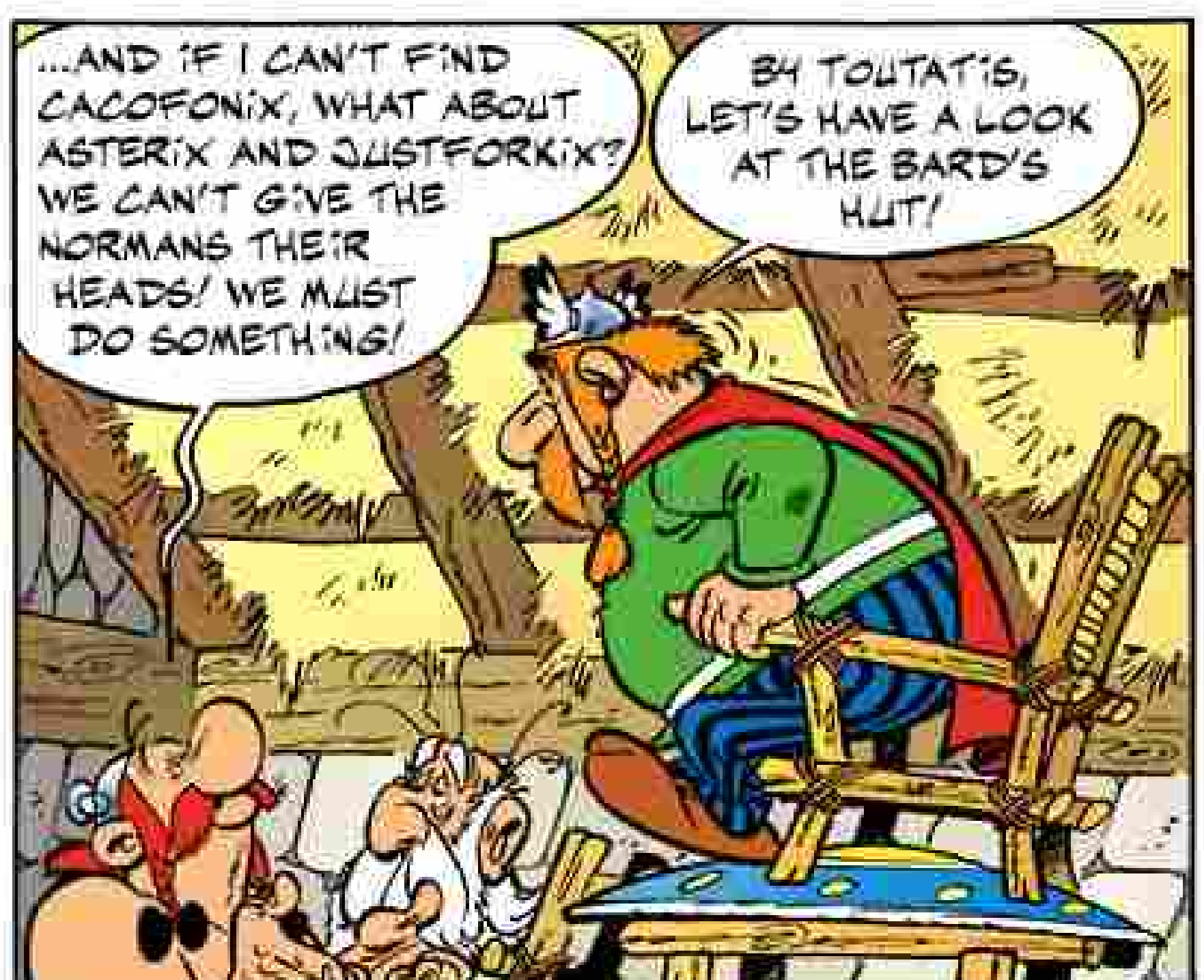
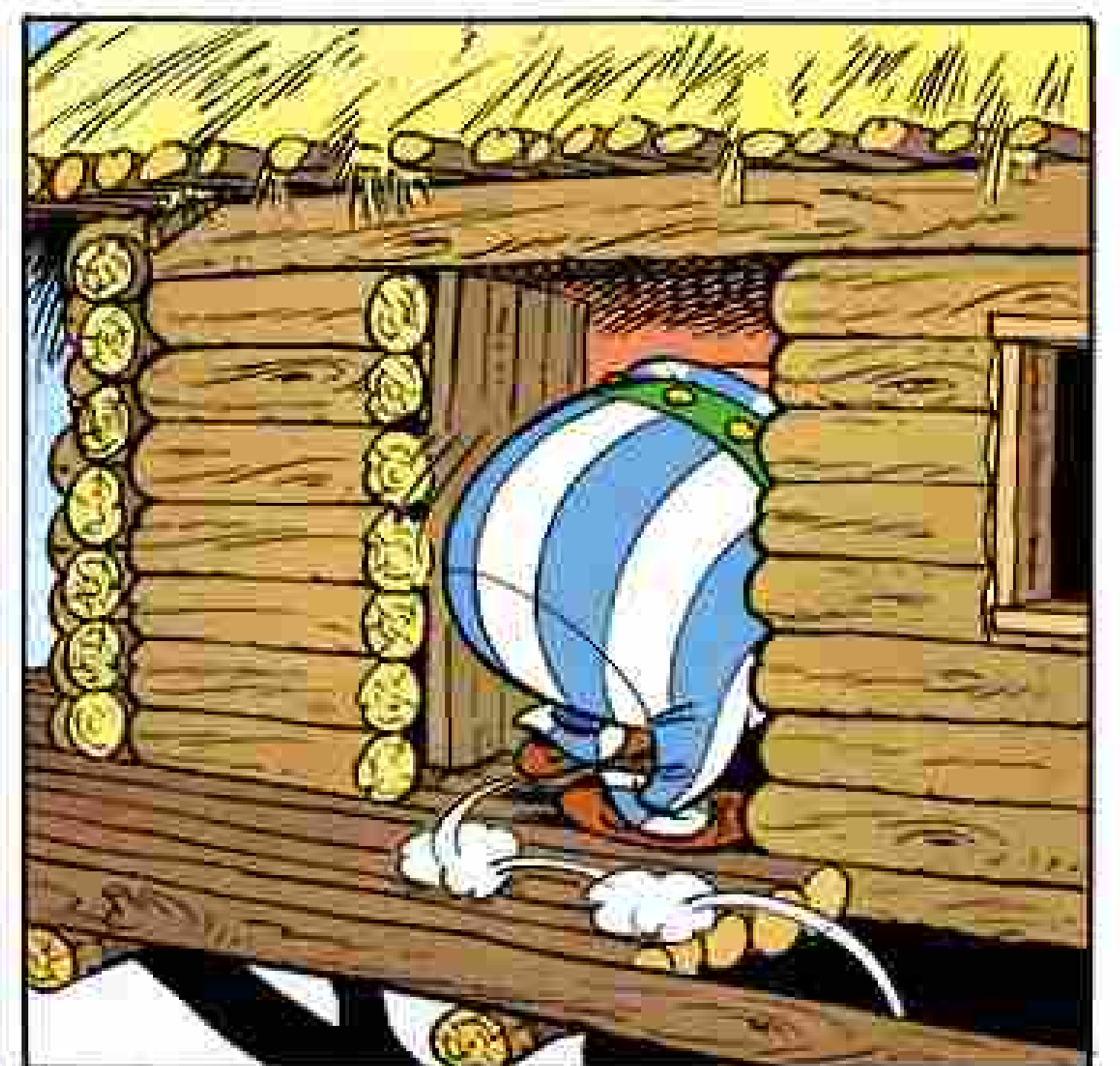
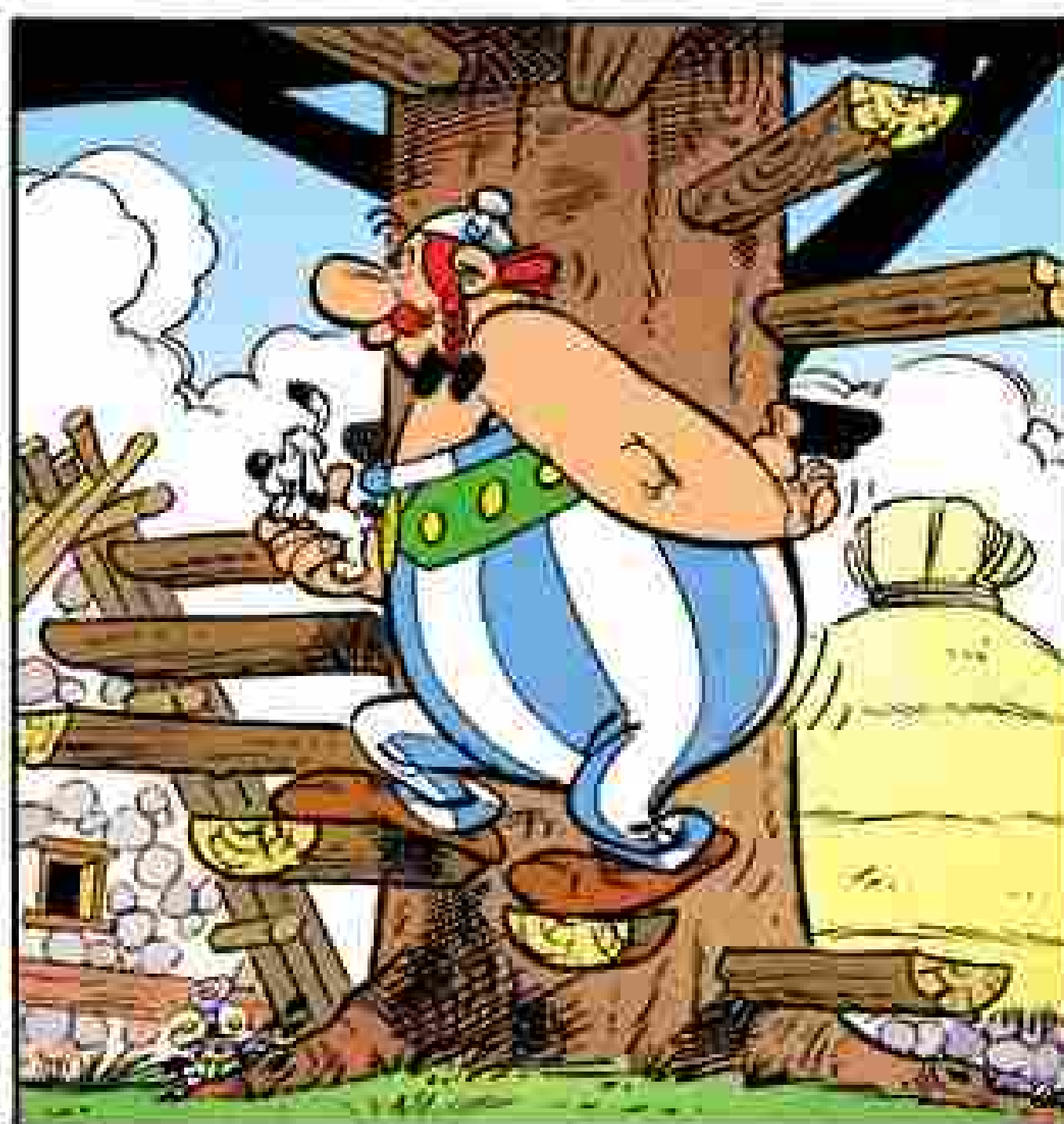




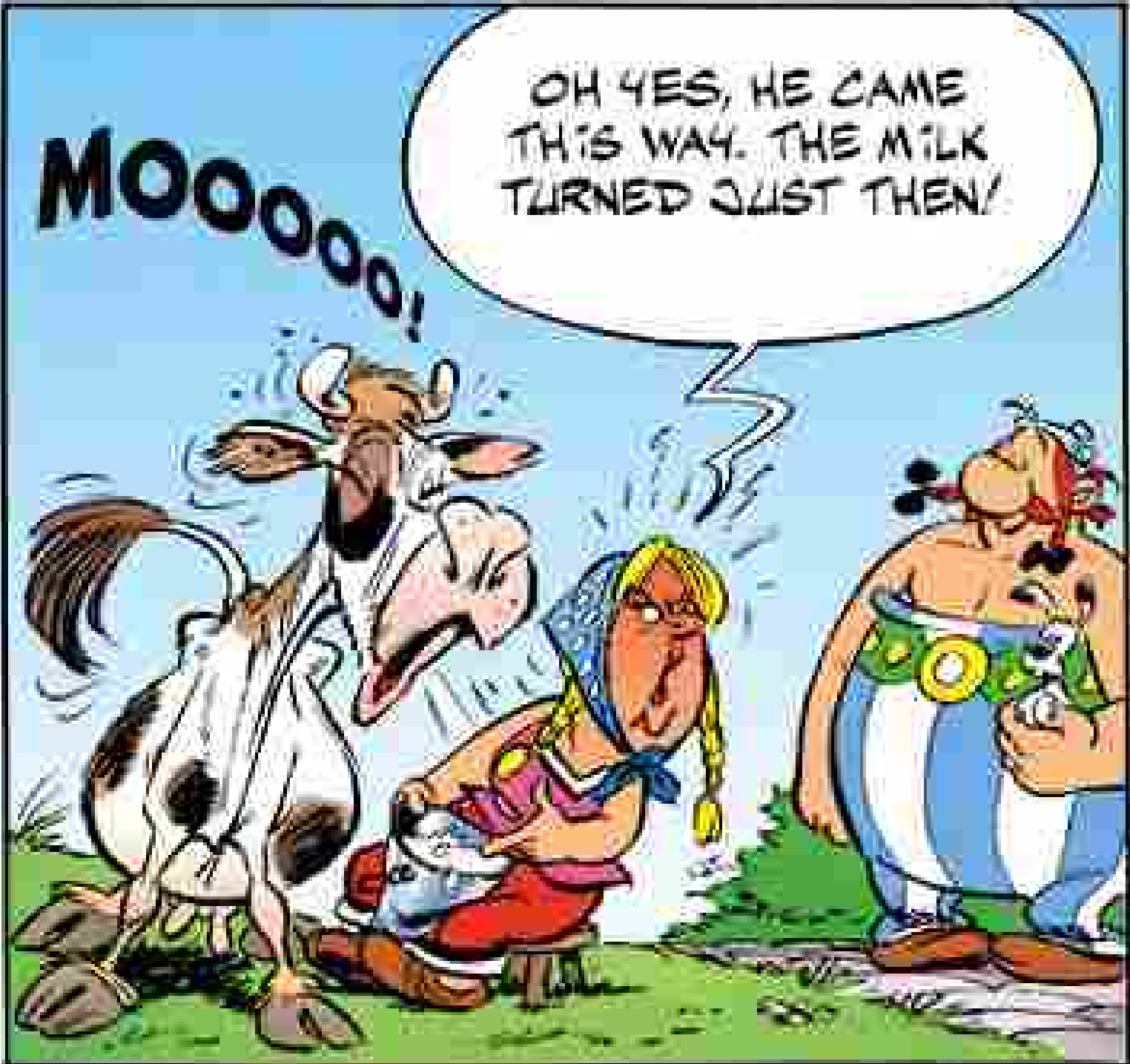
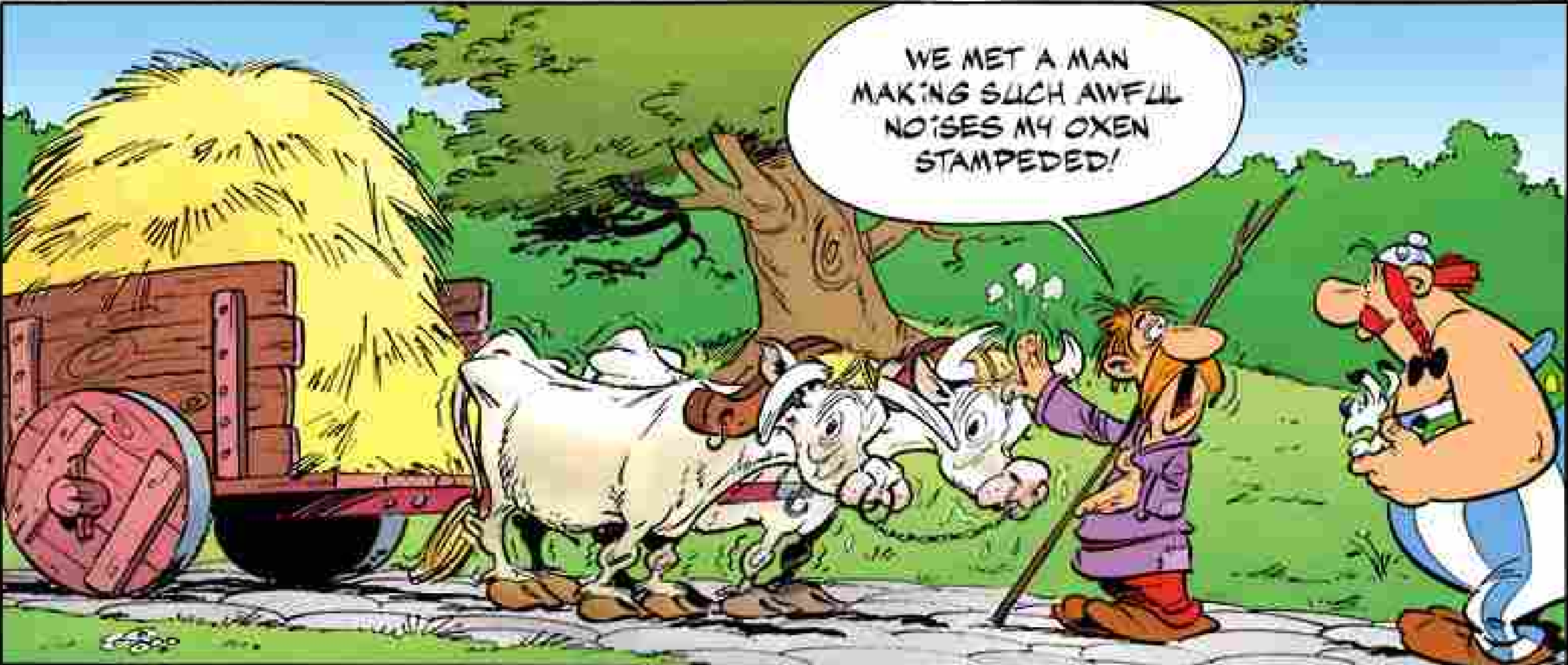
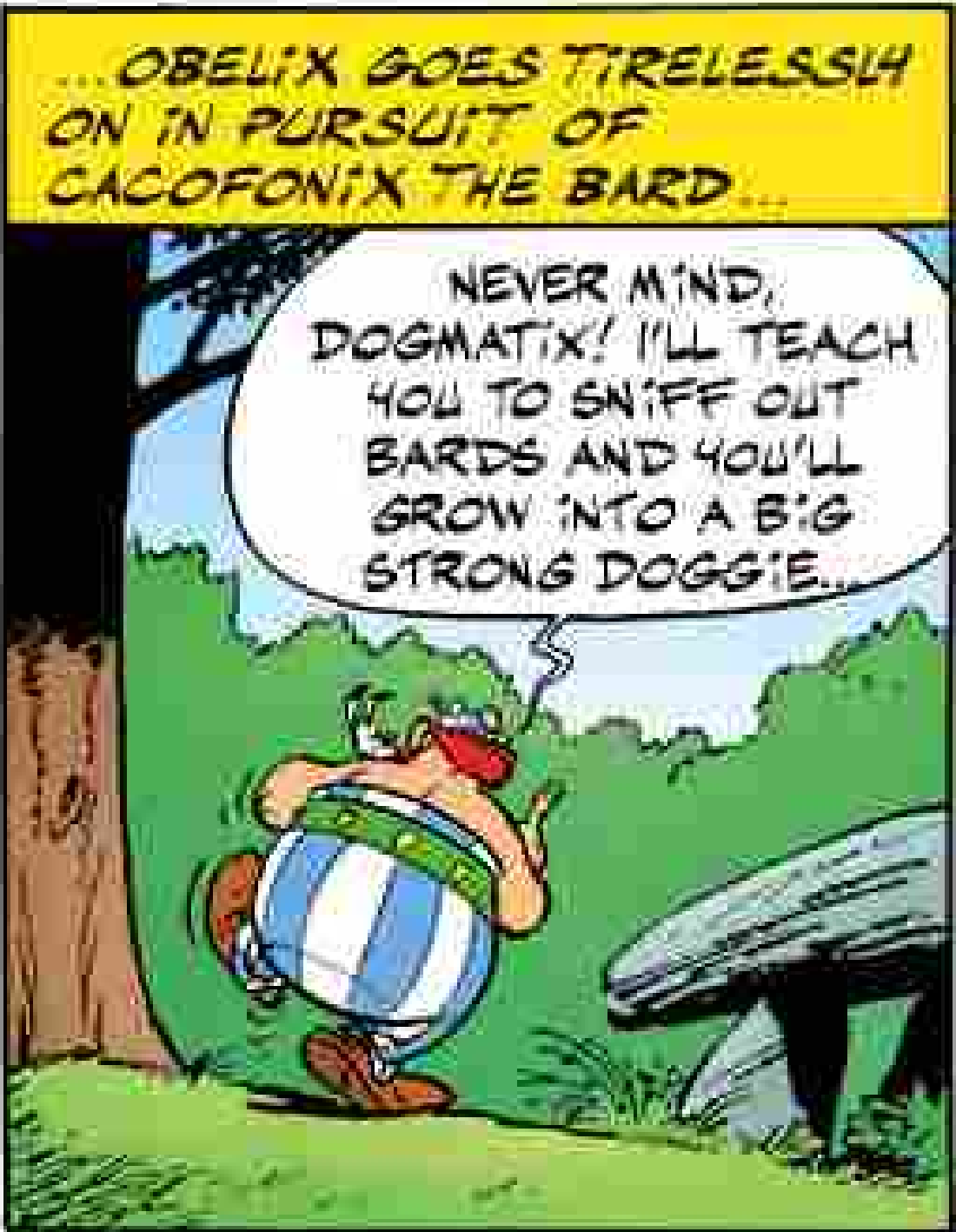


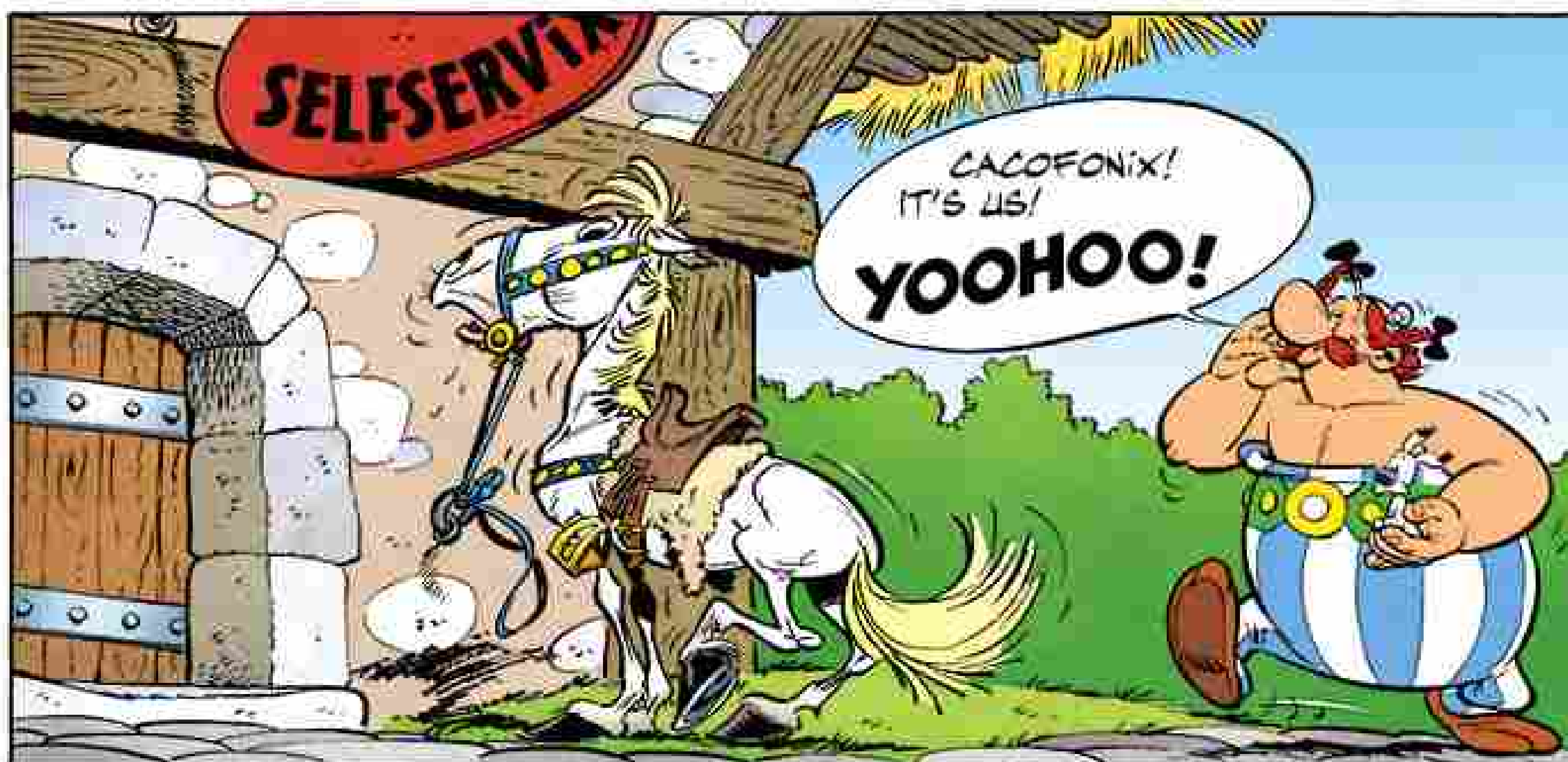


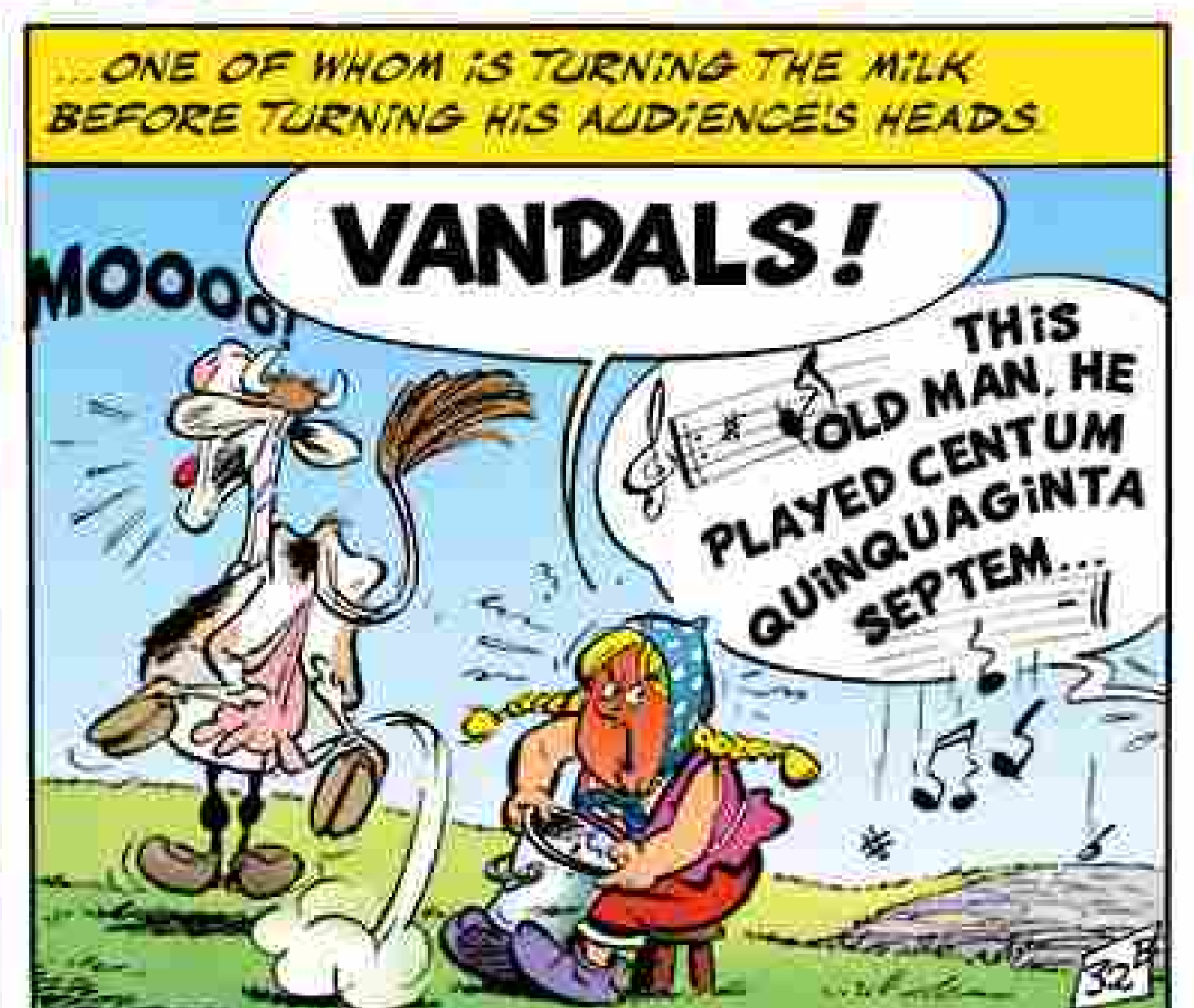
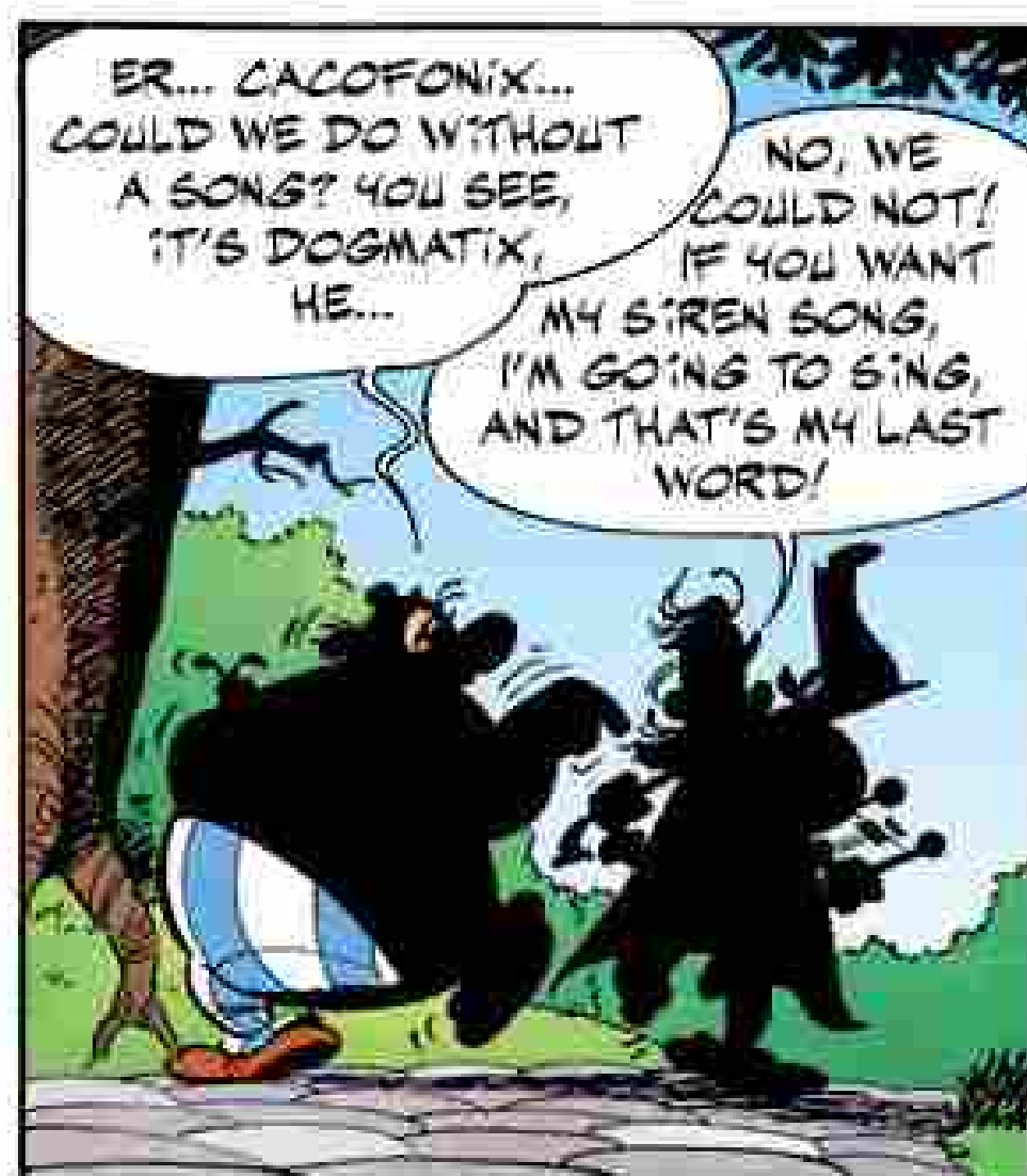
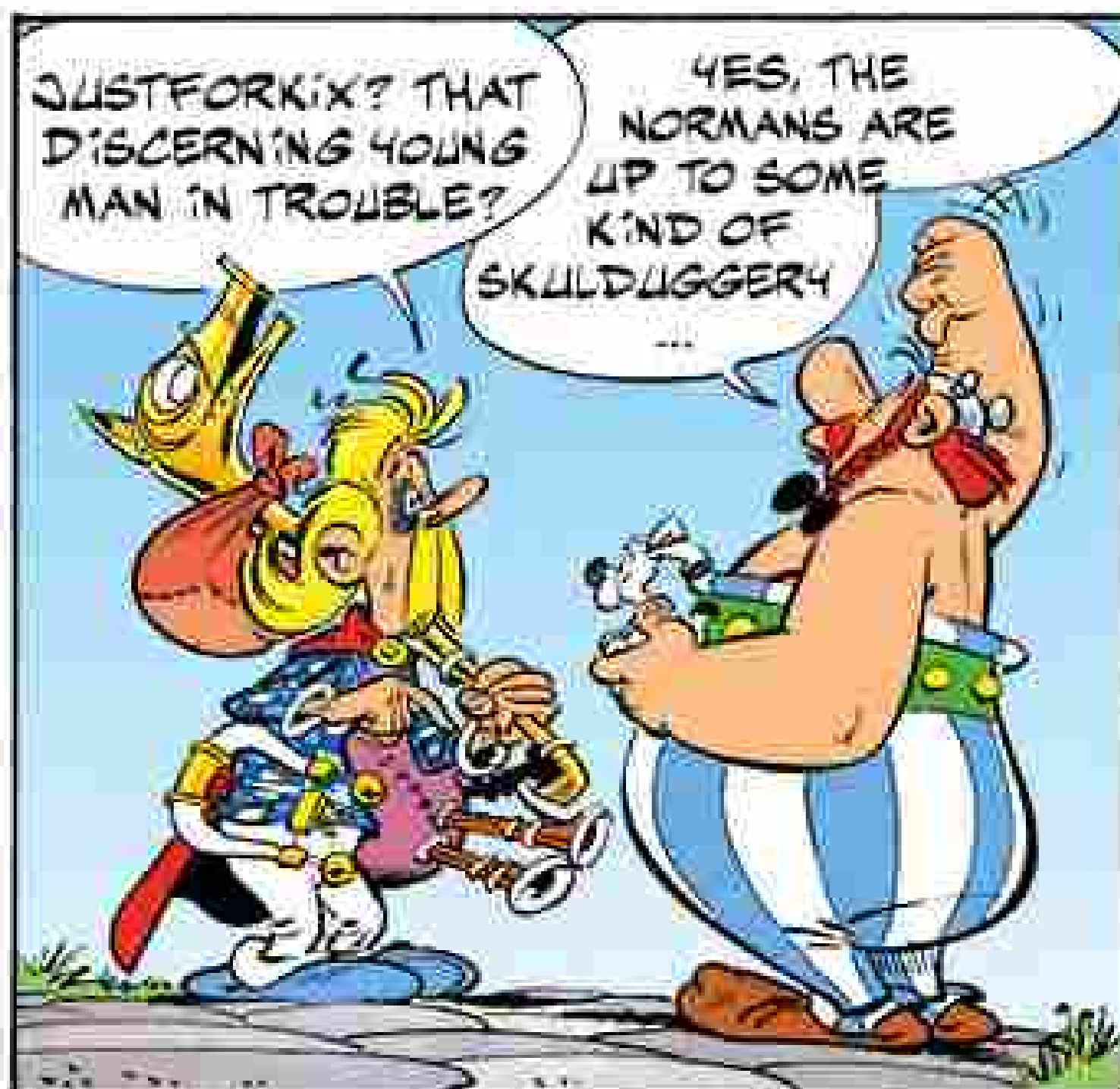
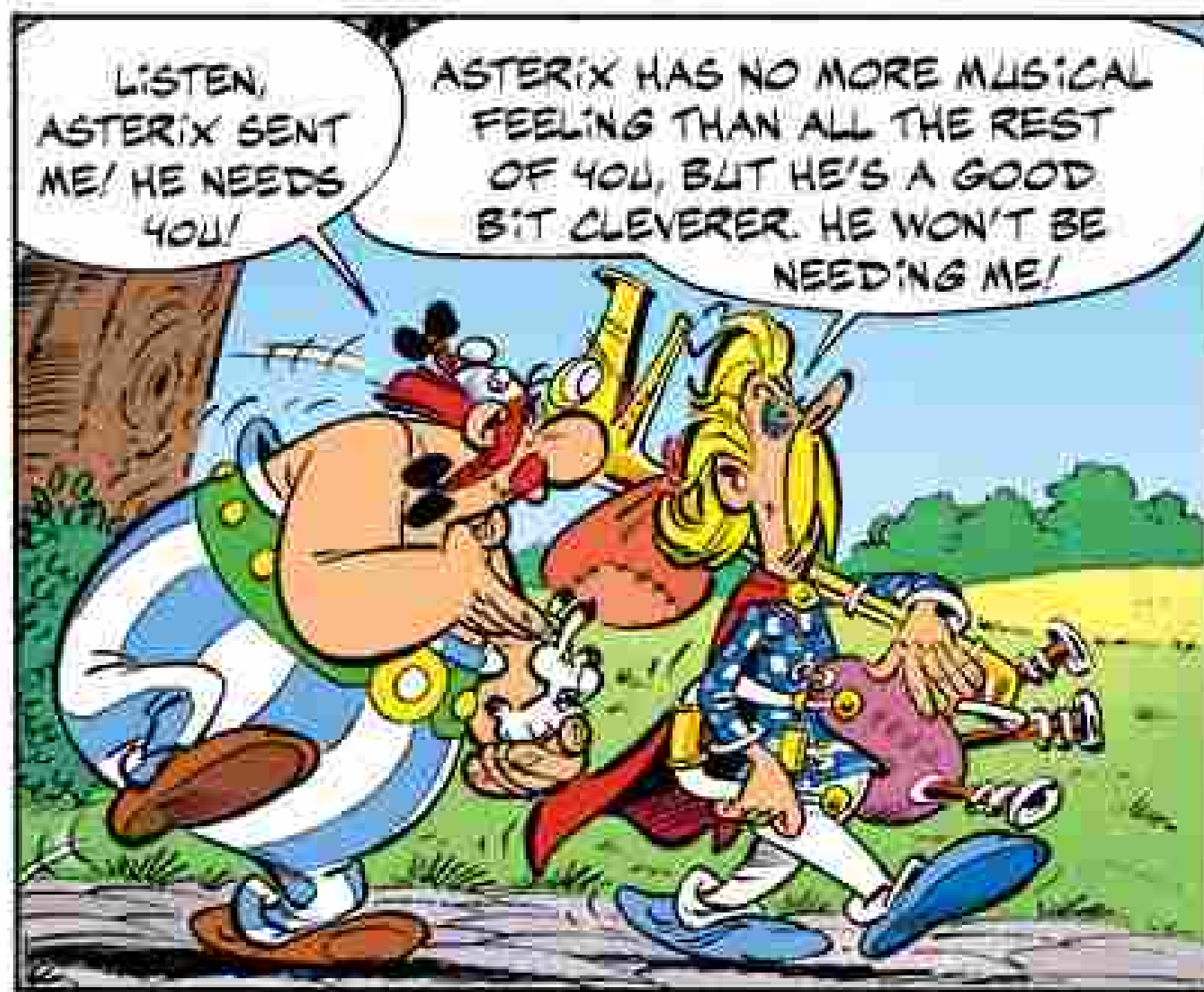


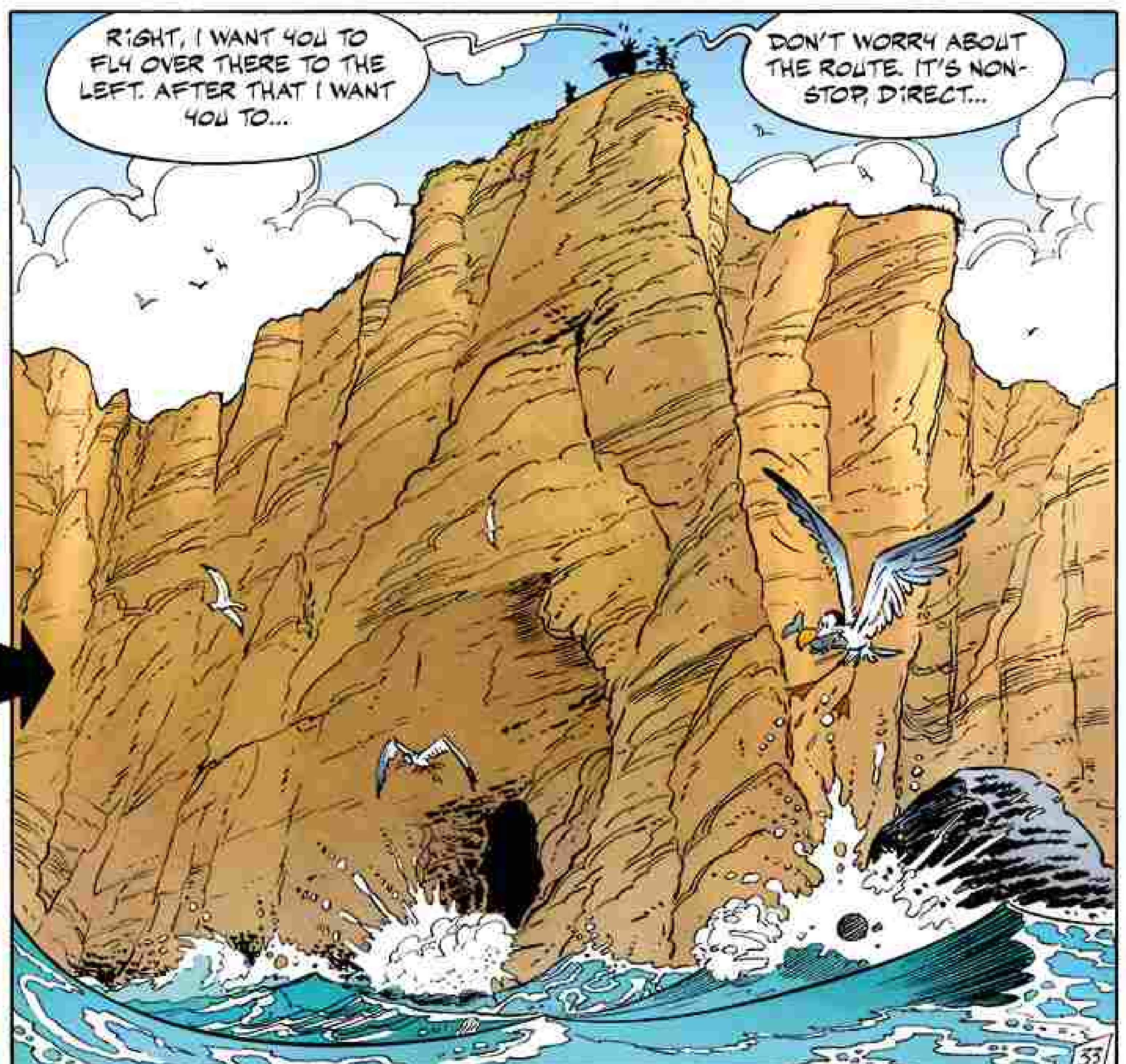
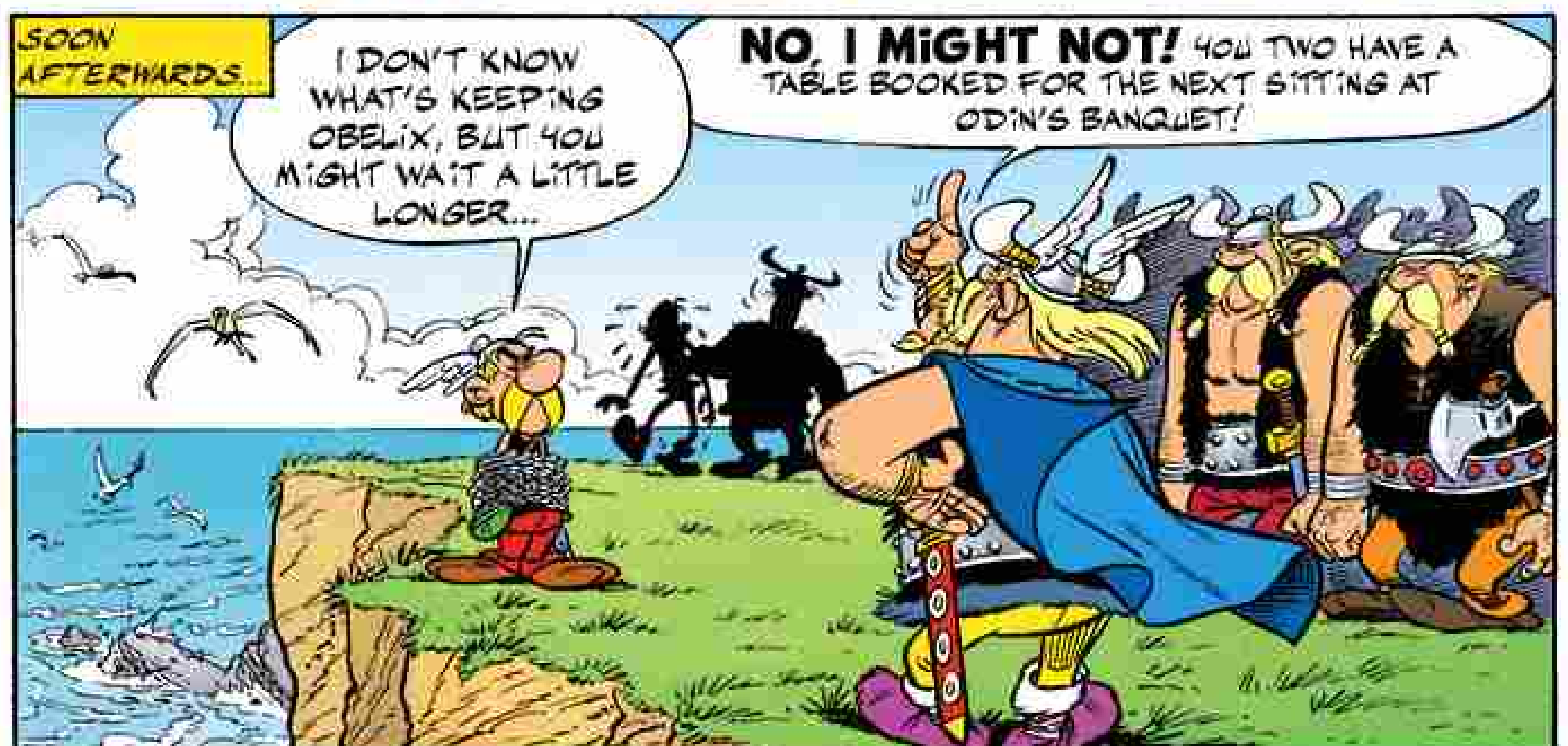
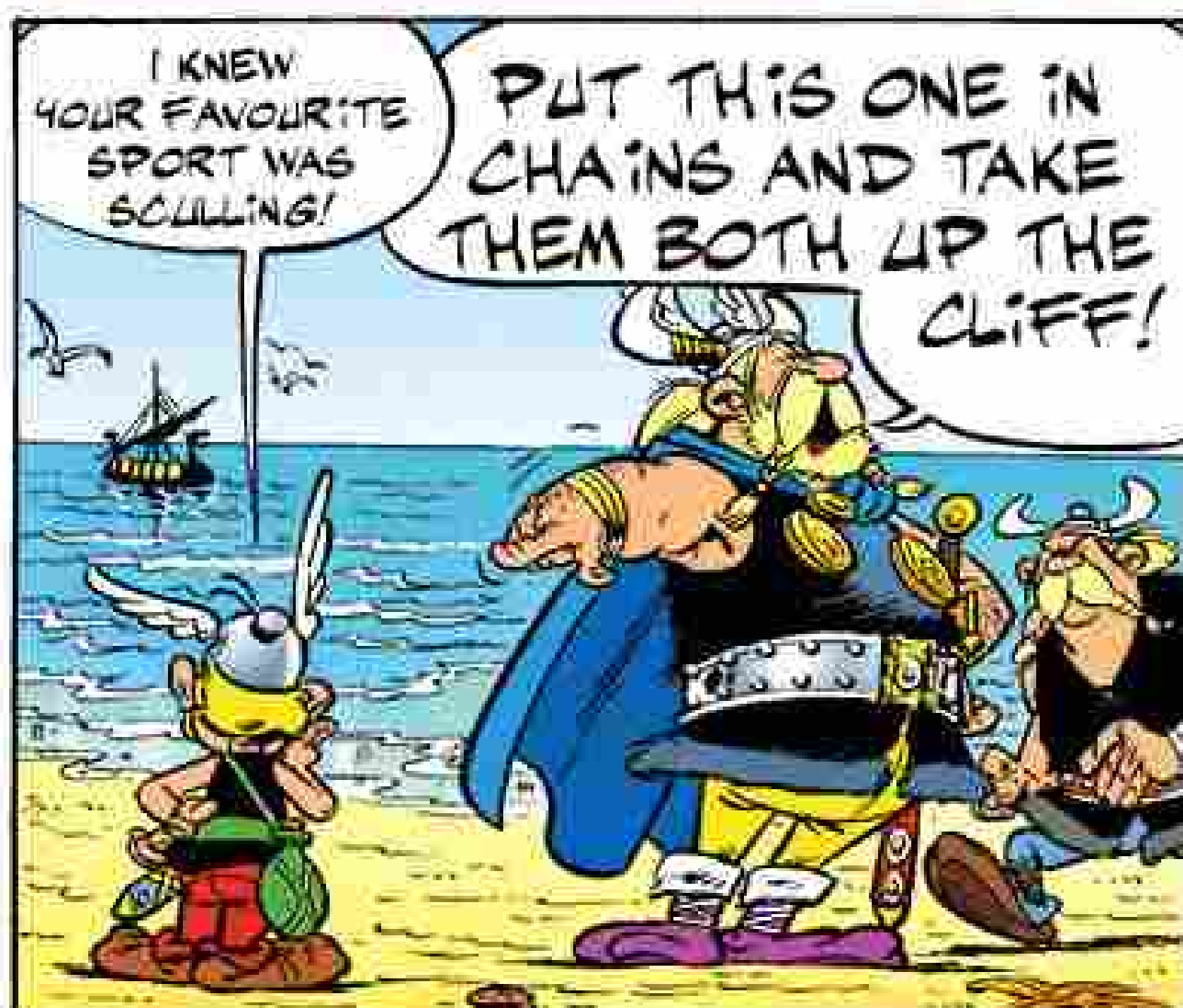
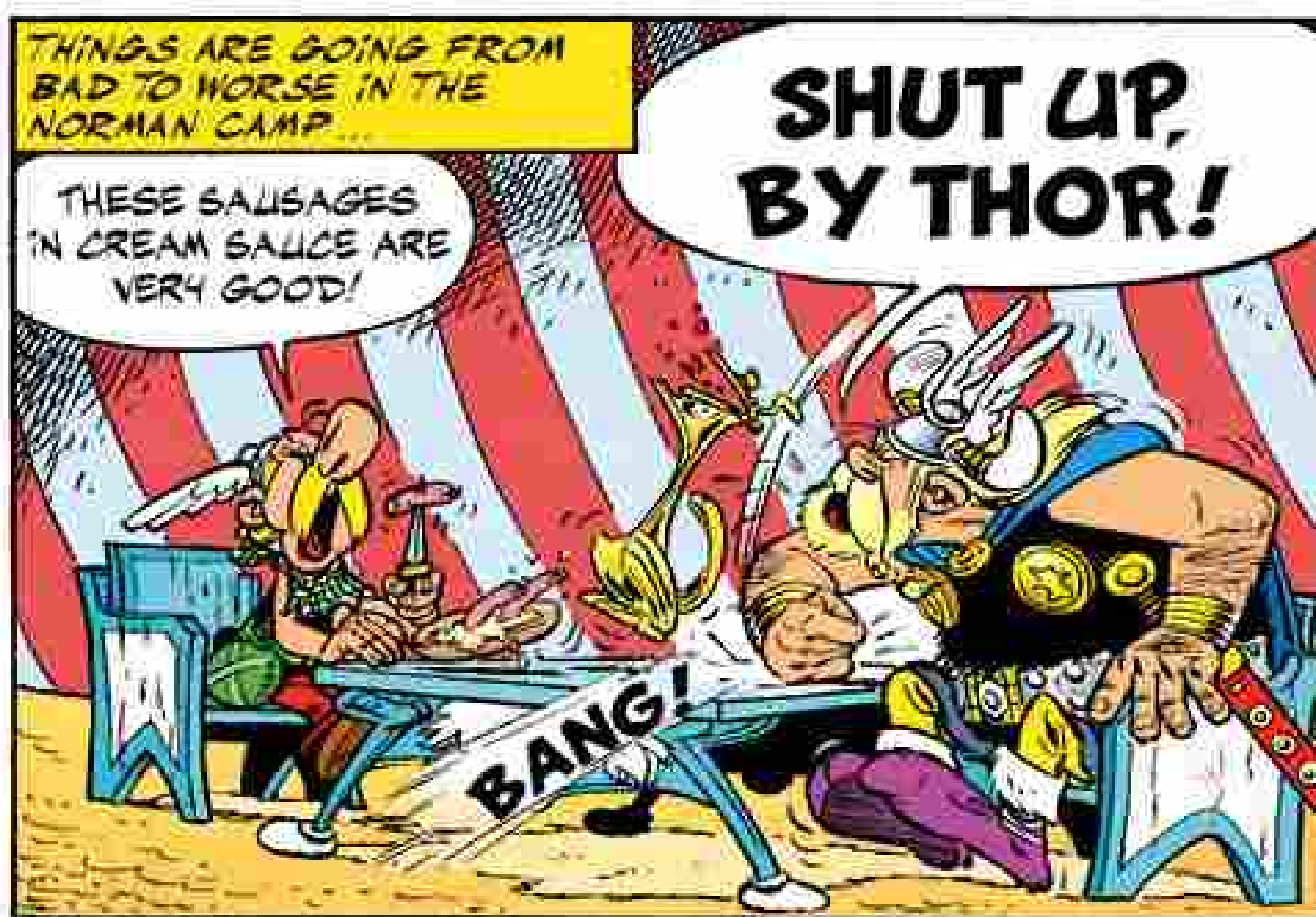




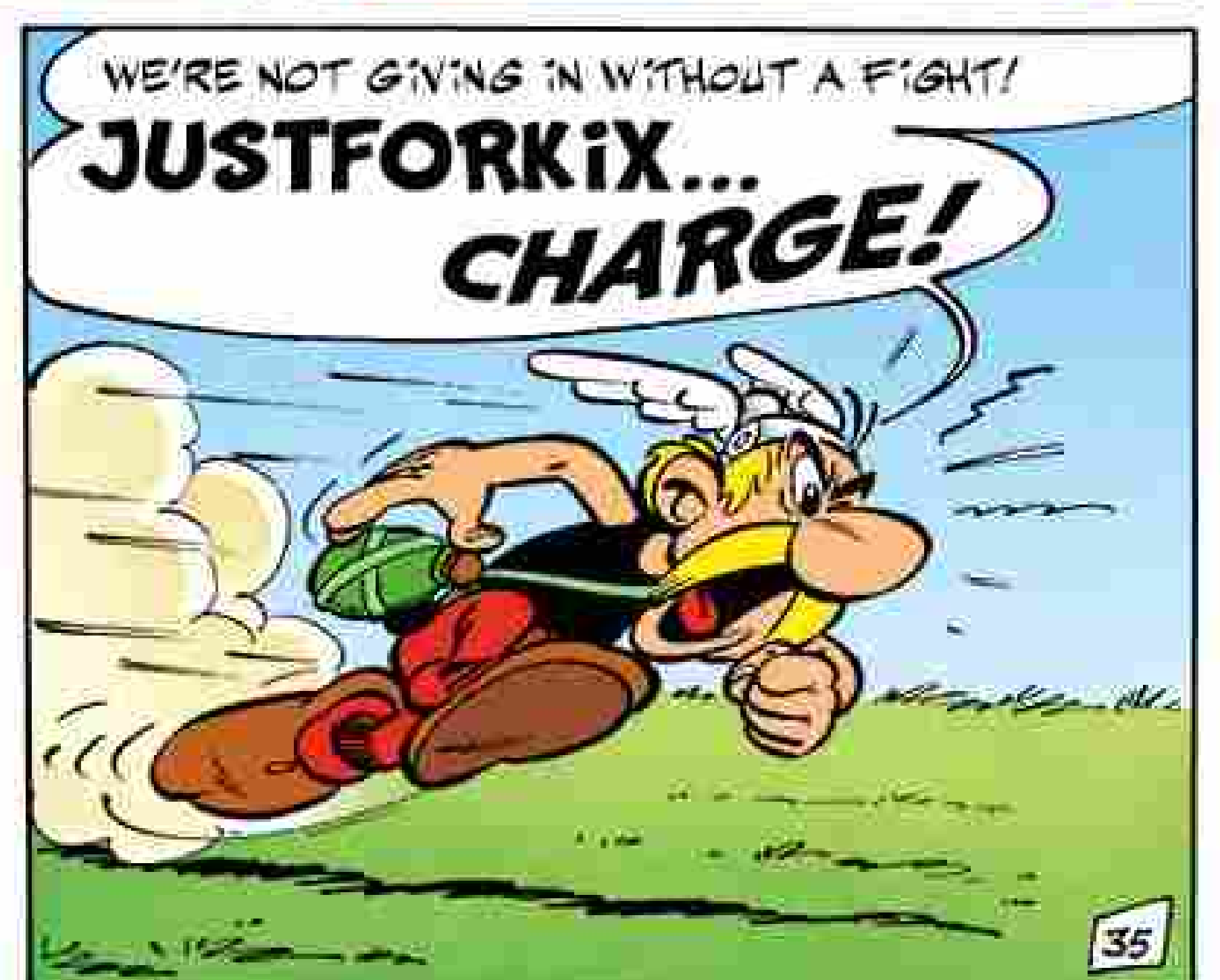


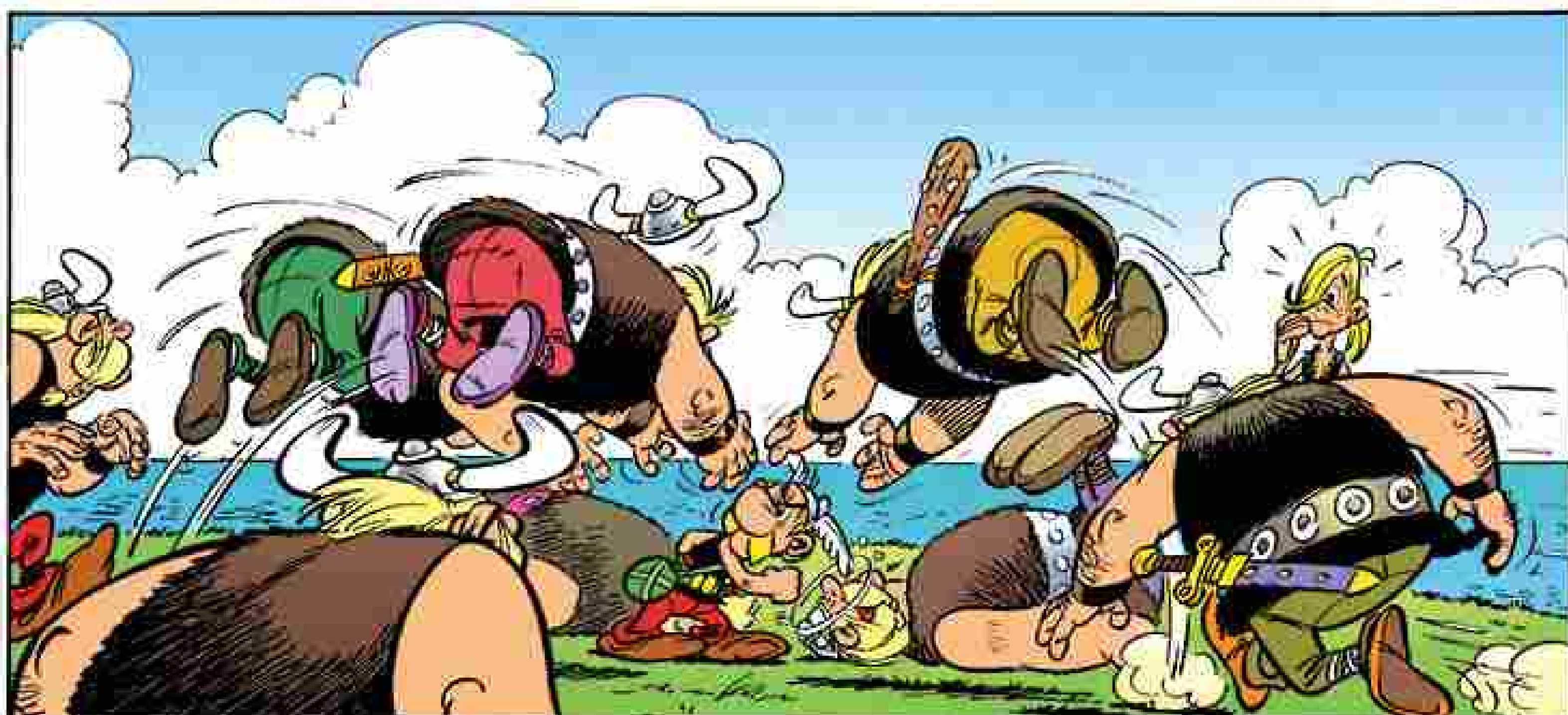


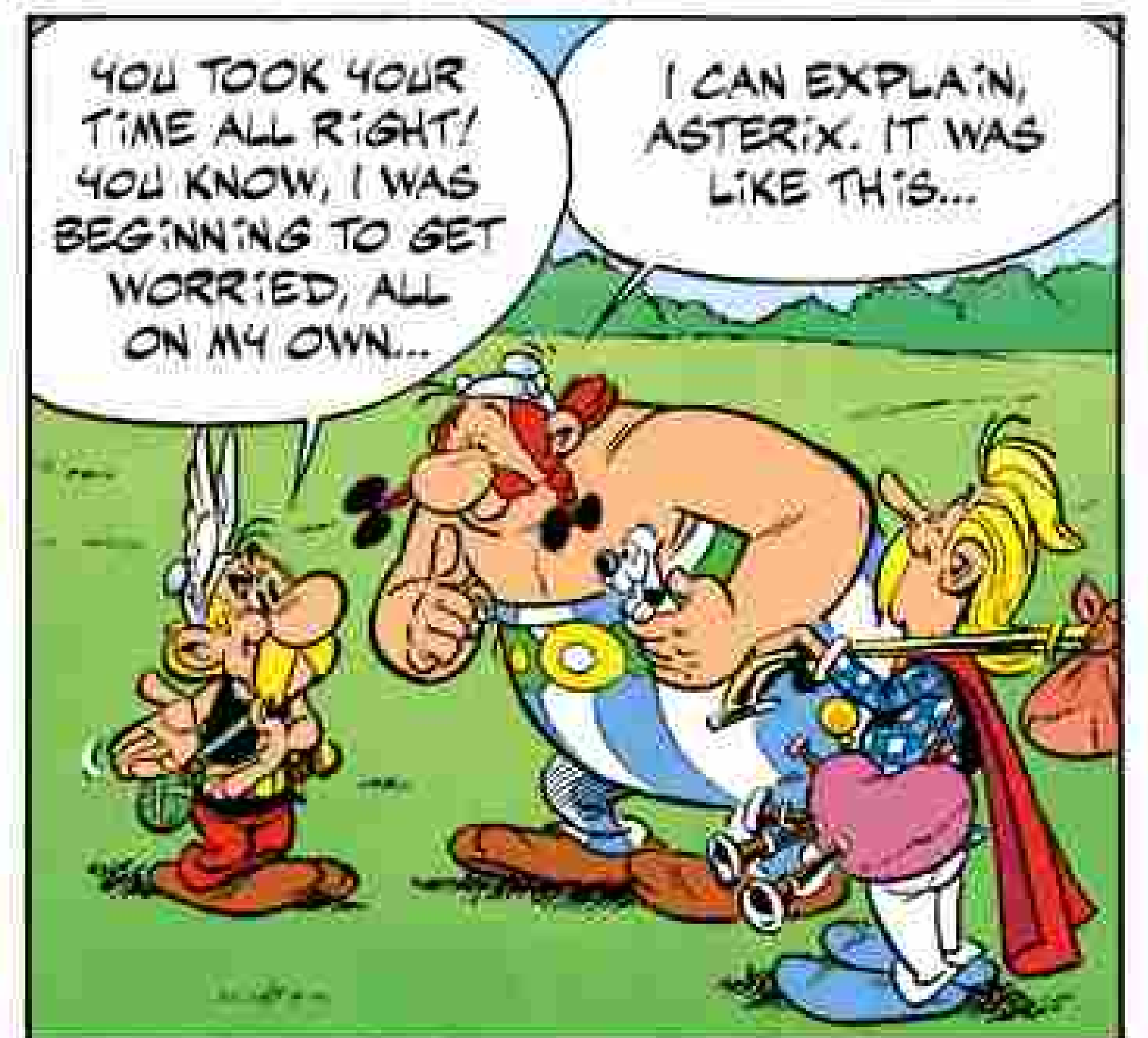


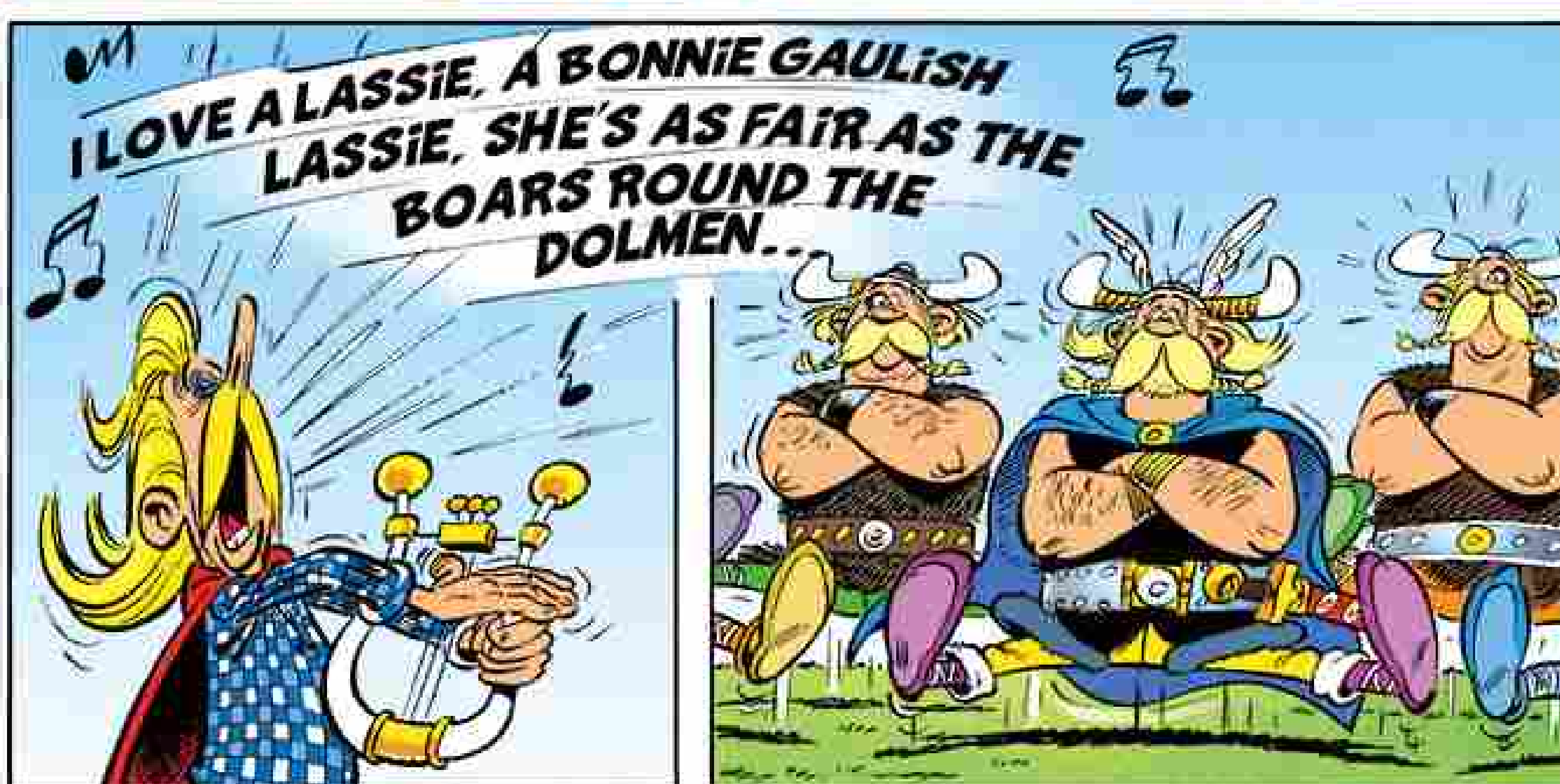
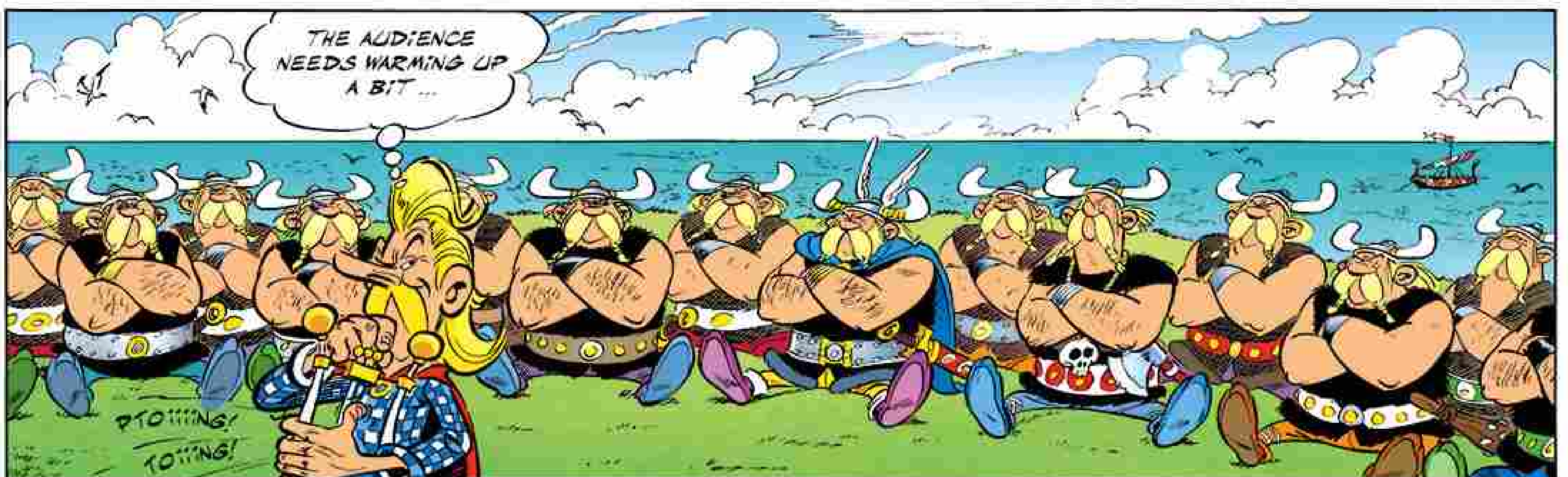


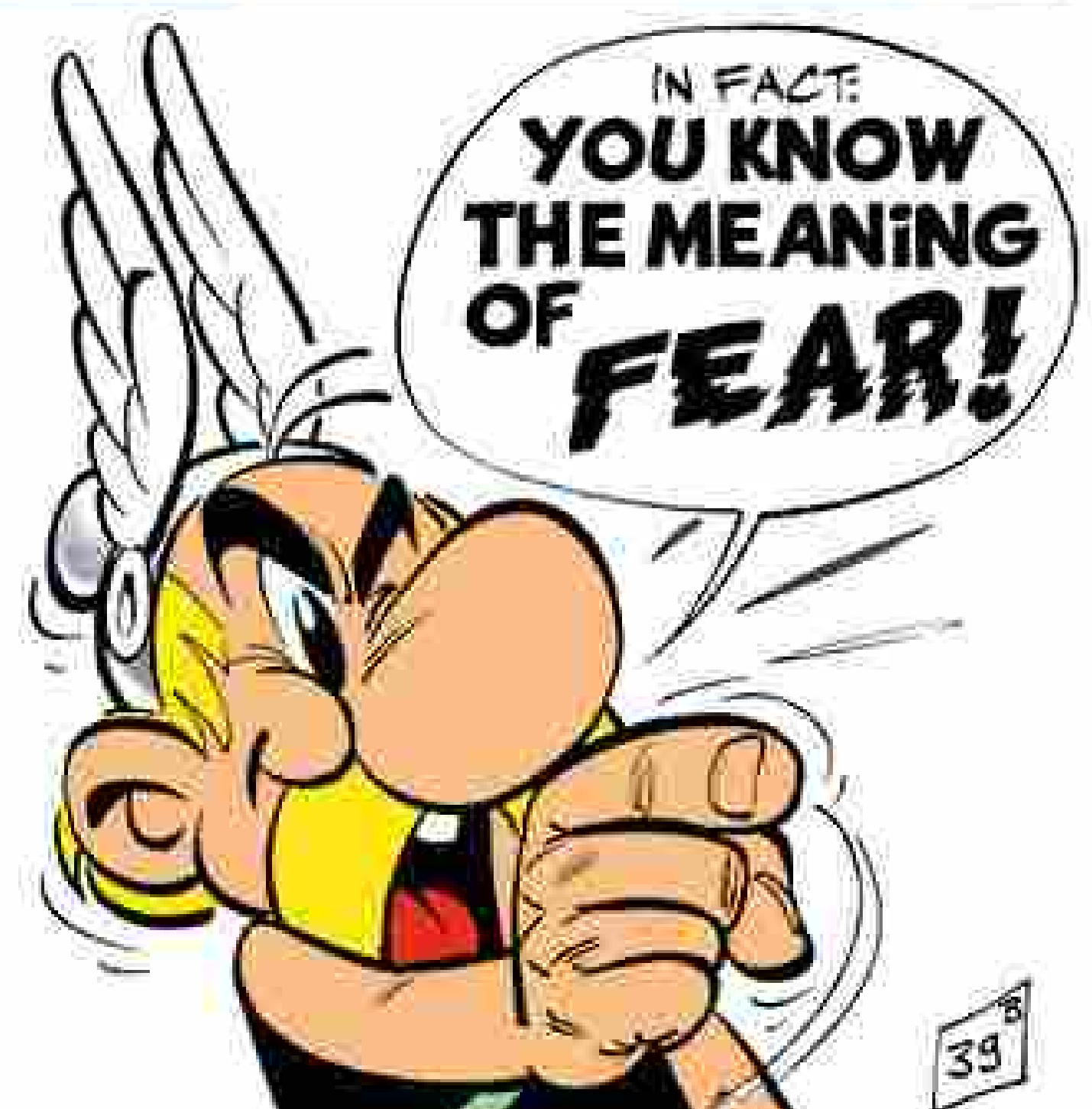


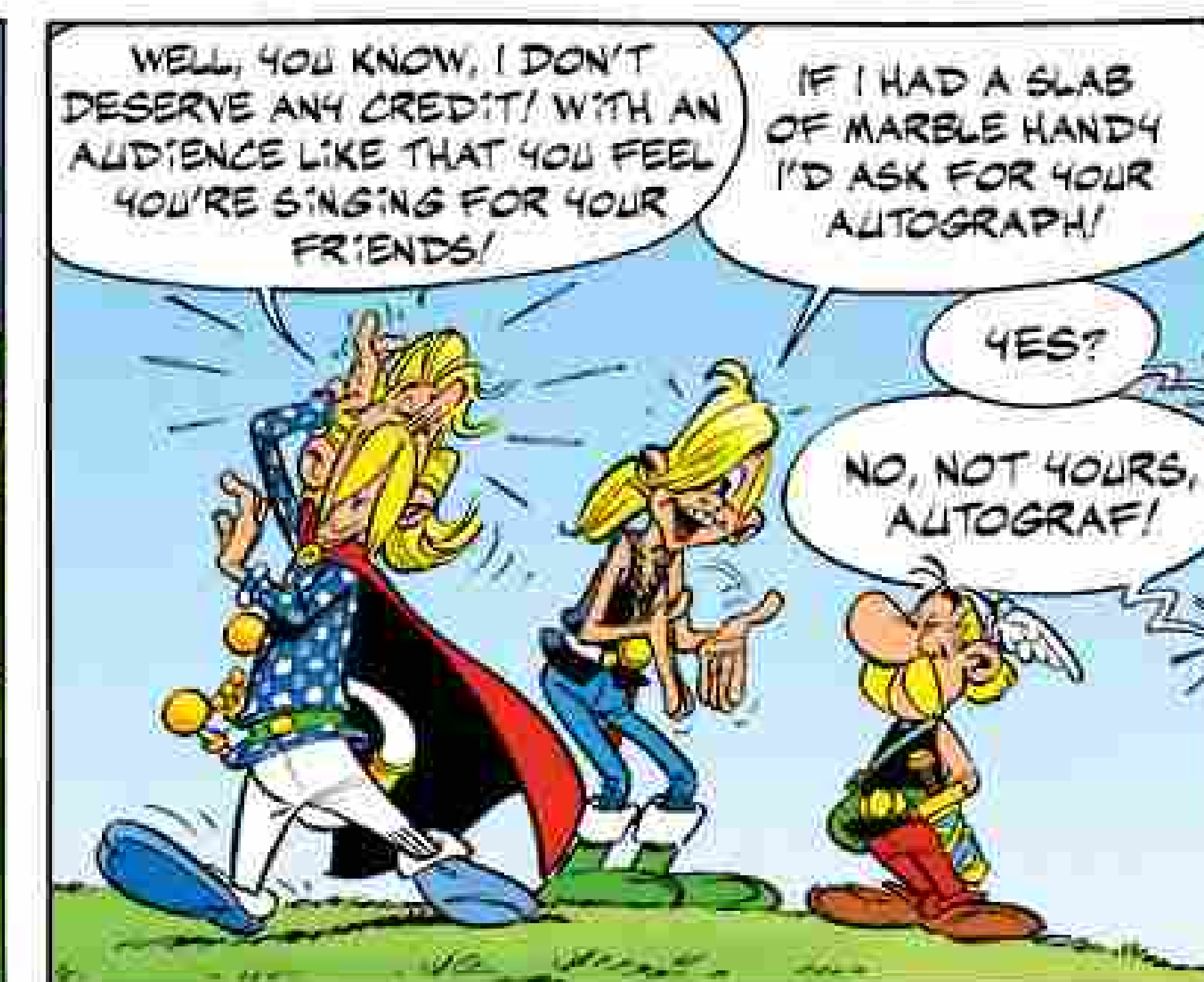












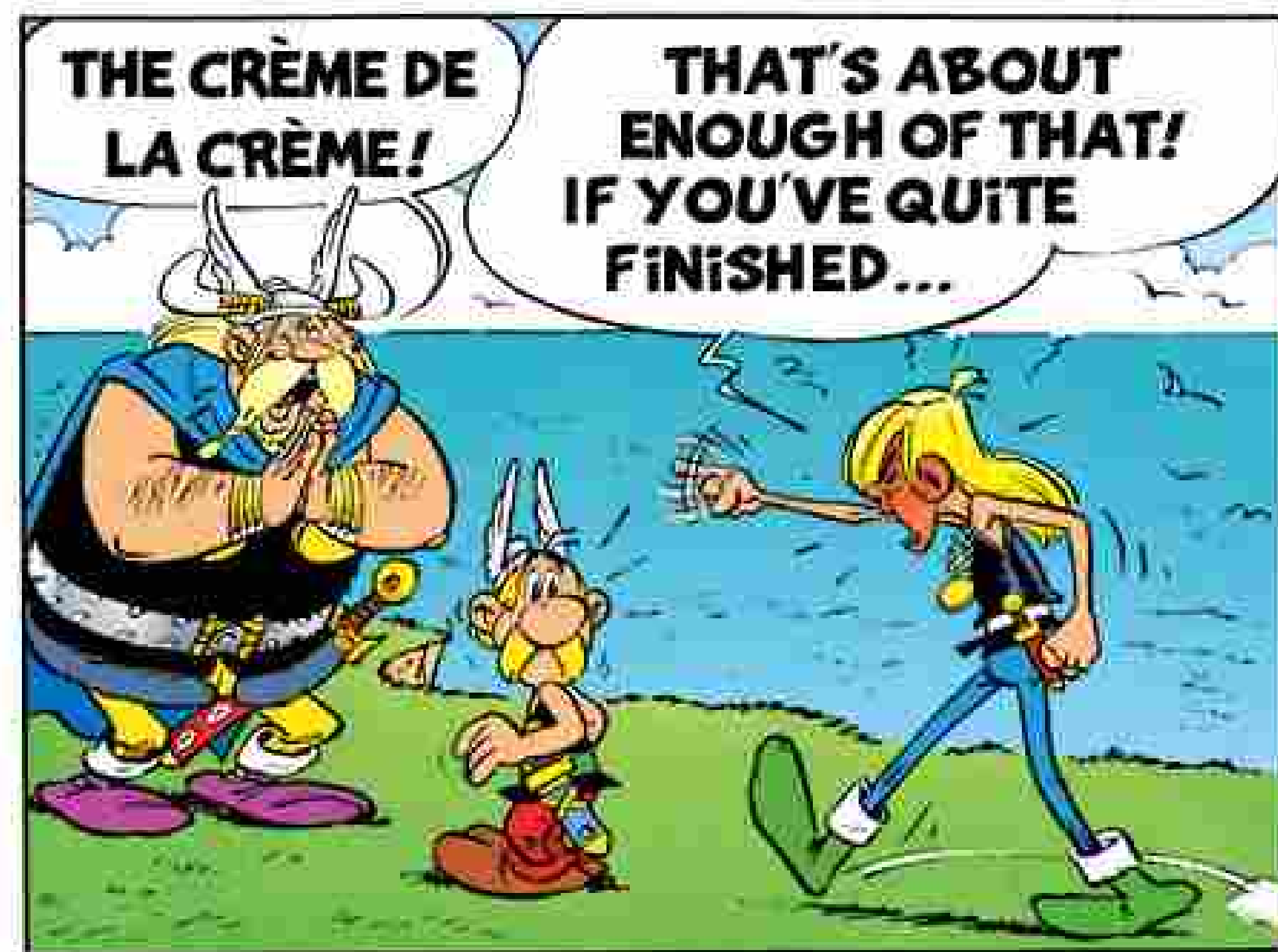


SO WE SHALL HOLD A FAREWELL FEAST IN YOUR HONOUR, IN THE TRUE NORMAN FASHION...

OH, DON'T BOTHER! TO SAY GOODBYE IS TO DIET A LITTLE.



...WE'LL SLAUGHTER YOU ALL AND SEND YOU TO ODIN'S BANQUET IN VALHALLA! YOU'LL TASTE THE VERY LAST WORD IN NORMAN COOKING...



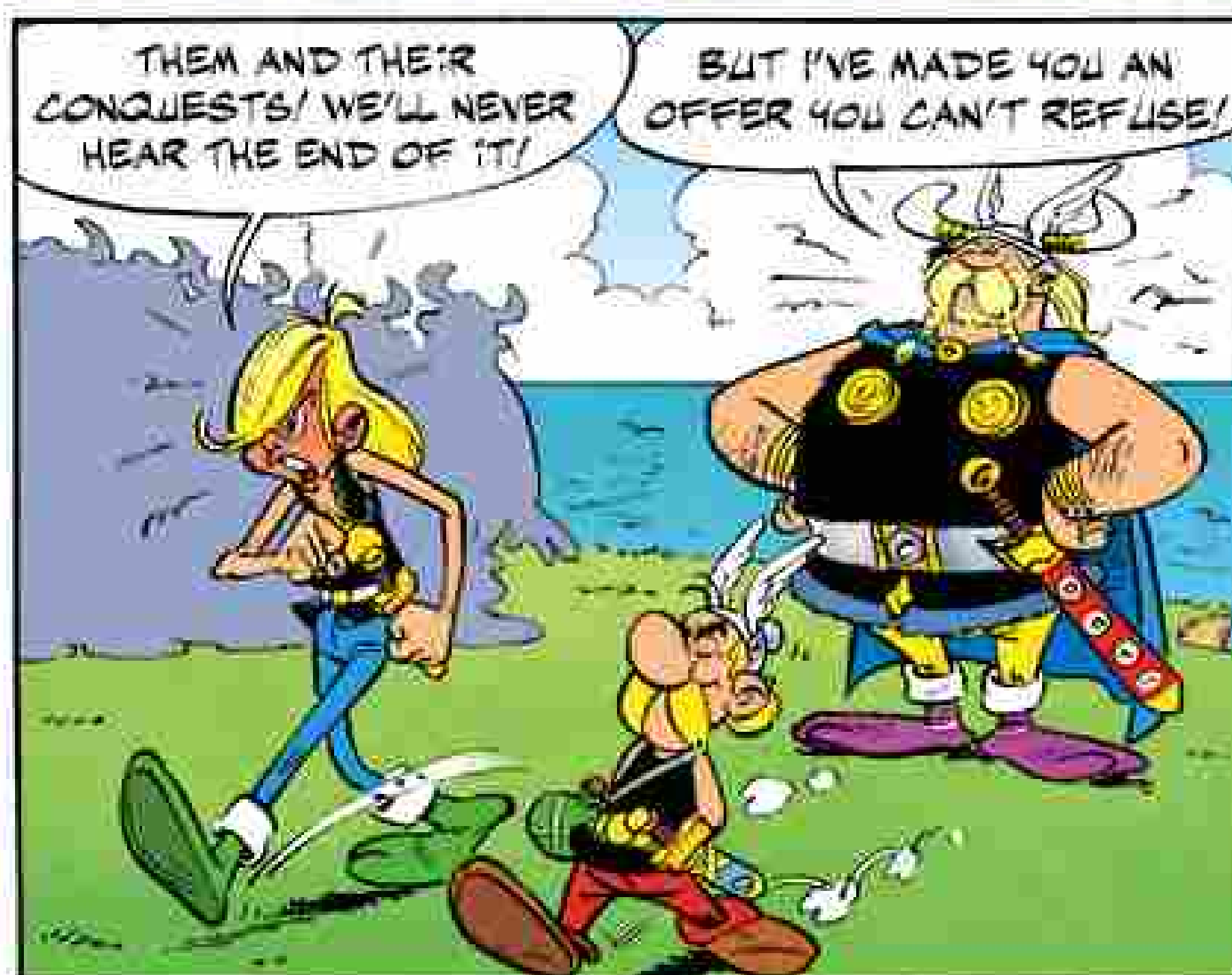
THE CRÈME DE LA CRÈME!

THAT'S ABOUT ENOUGH OF THAT! IF YOU'VE QUITE FINISHED...



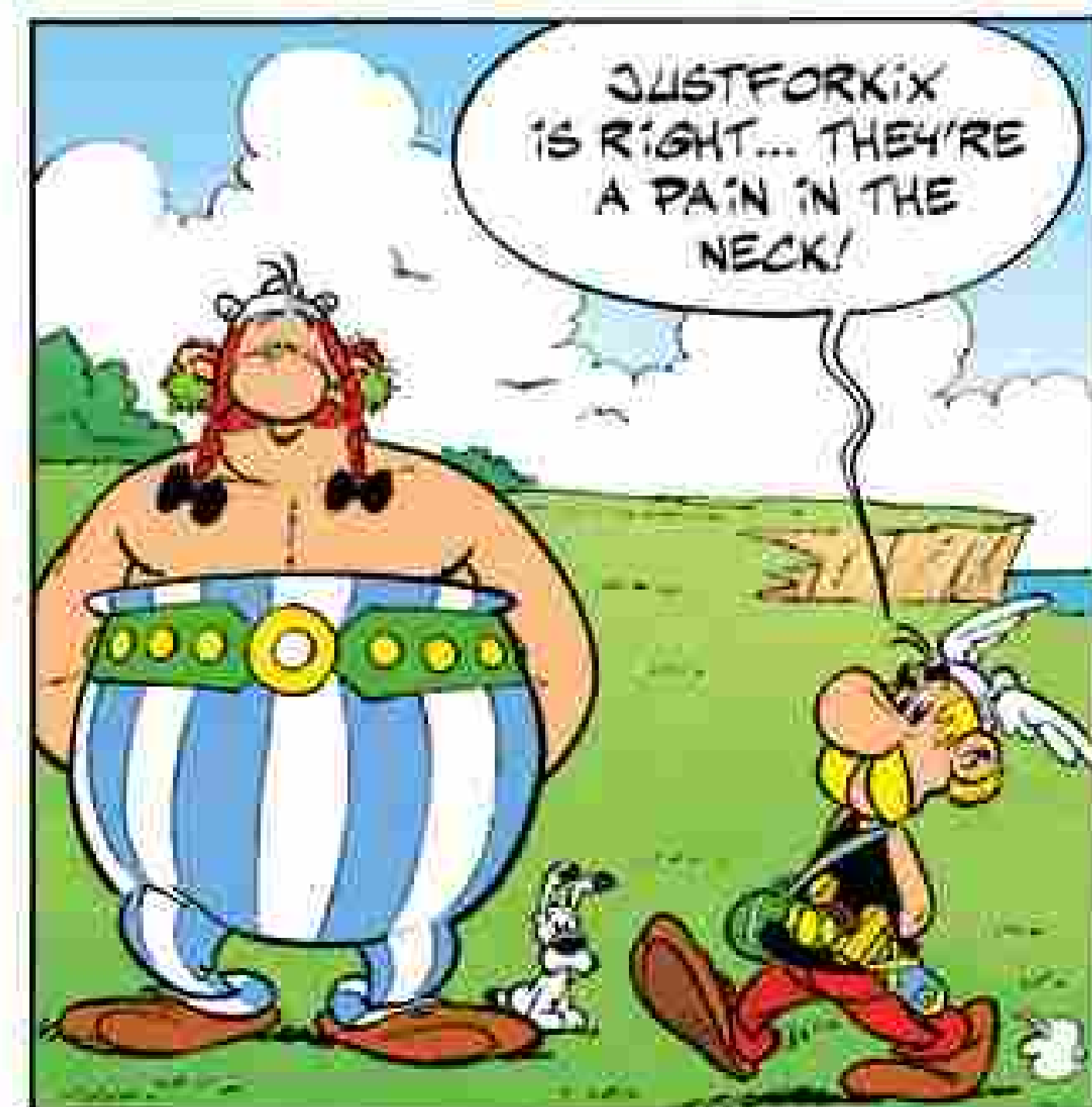
...LET ME TELL YOU, YOU'VE OUTSTAYED YOUR WELCOME, THE PARTY'S OVER, SIC TRANSIT GLORIA AND ALL THAT! WE'RE SICK OF YOU AND WE'D LIKE TO SEE YOU IN TRANSIT! GET IT?

WELL, WELL, IF HE HASN'T LEARNT A BIT OF COURAGE!

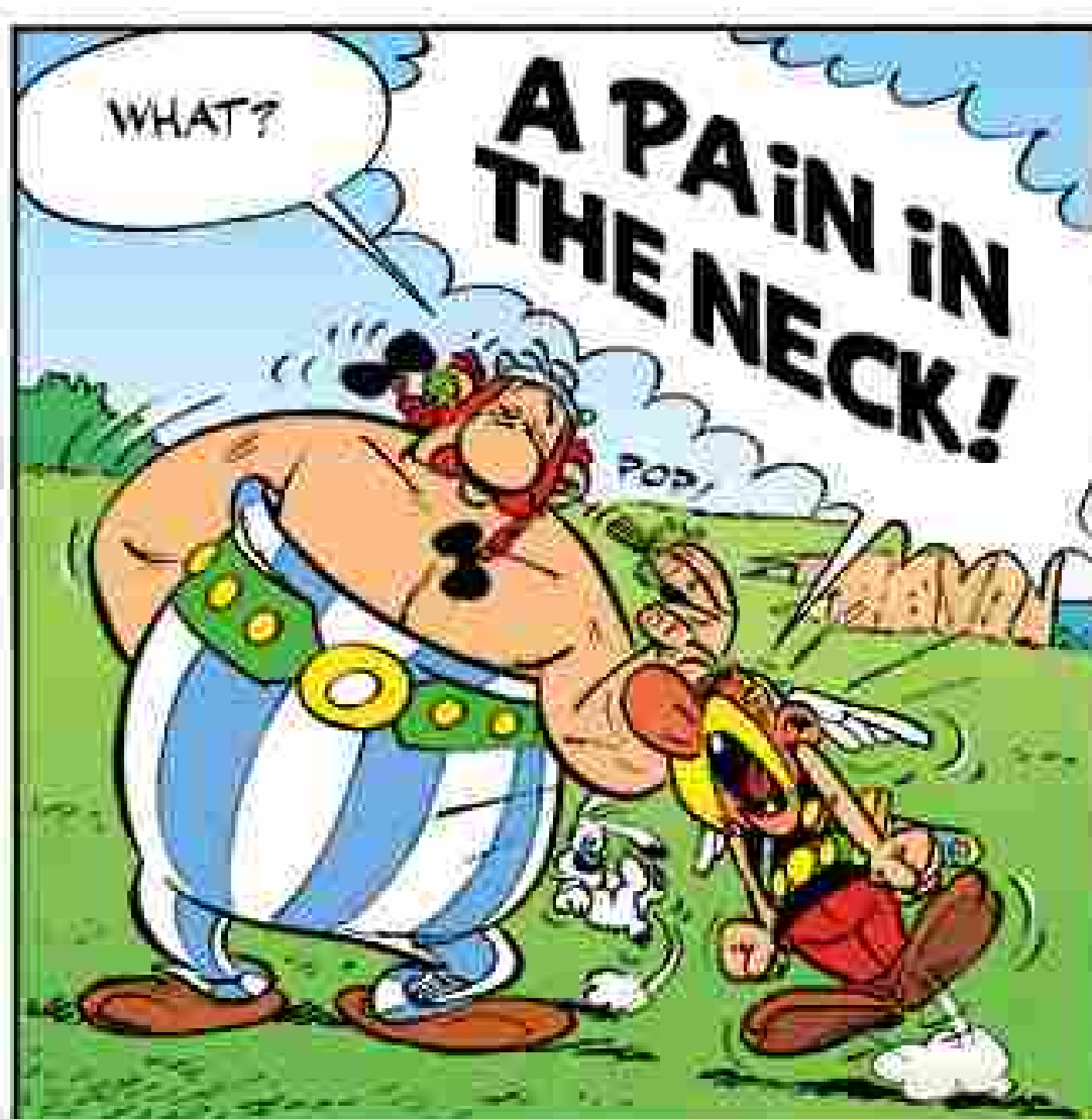


THEM AND THEIR CONQUESTS! WE'LL NEVER HEAR THE END OF IT!

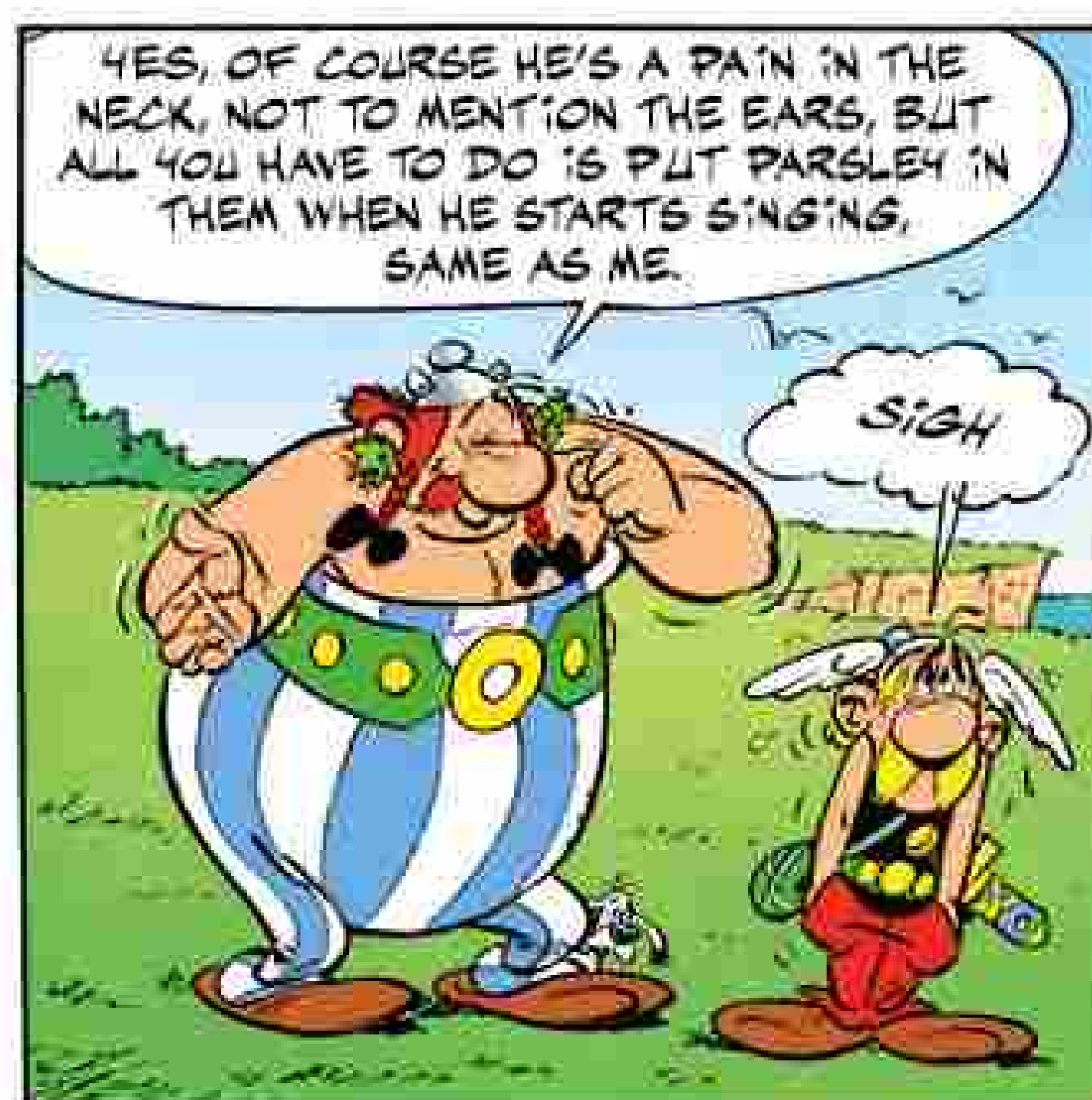
BUT I'VE MADE YOU AN OFFER YOU CAN'T REFUSE!



JUSTFORKIX IS RIGHT... THEY'RE A PAIN IN THE NECK!



A PAIN IN THE NECK!



YES, OF COURSE HE'S A PAIN IN THE NECK, NOT TO MENTION THE EARS, BUT ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS PUT PARSLEY IN THEM WHEN HE STARTS SINGING, SAME AS ME.

SIGH



NORMANS... CHARGE!

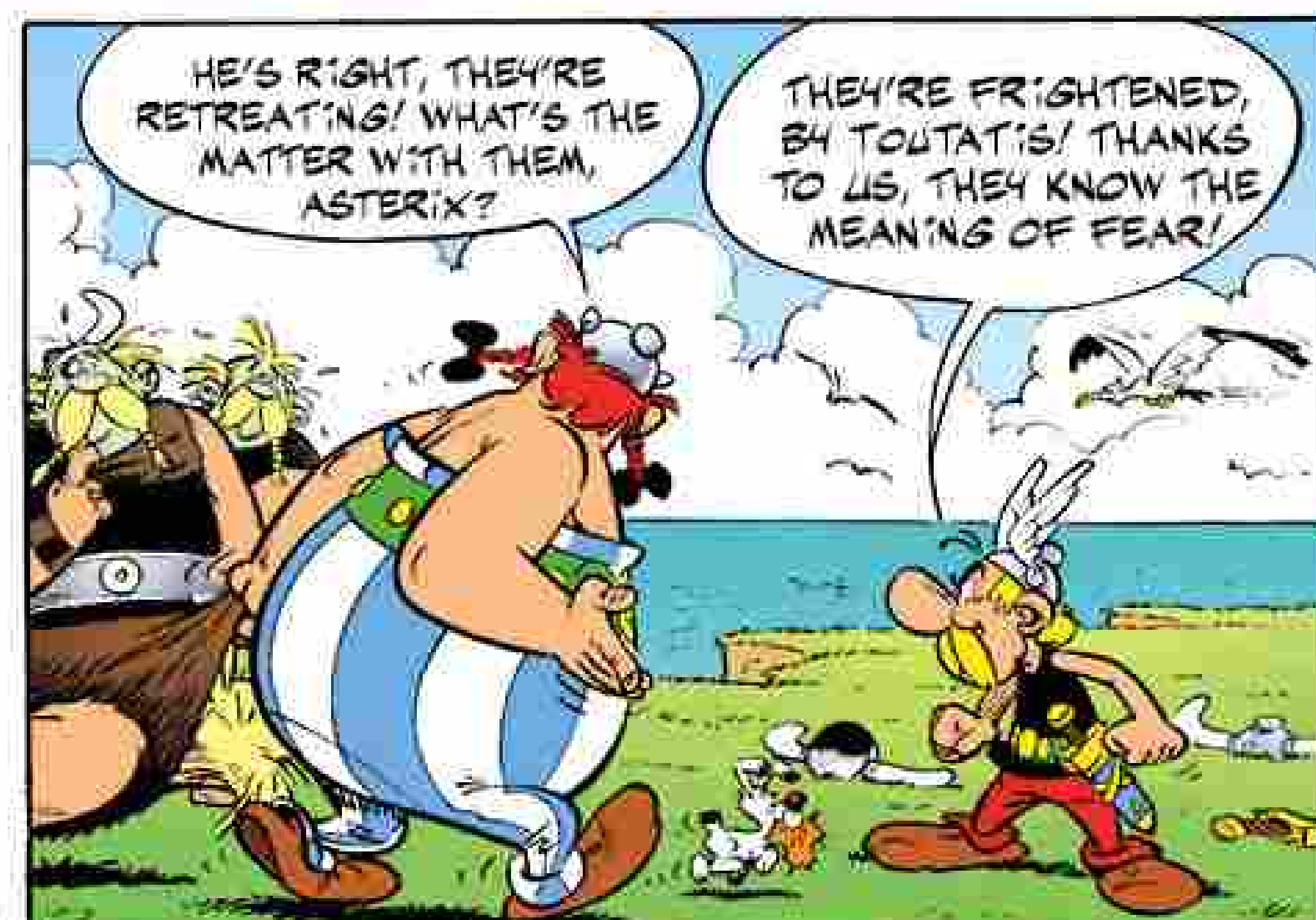
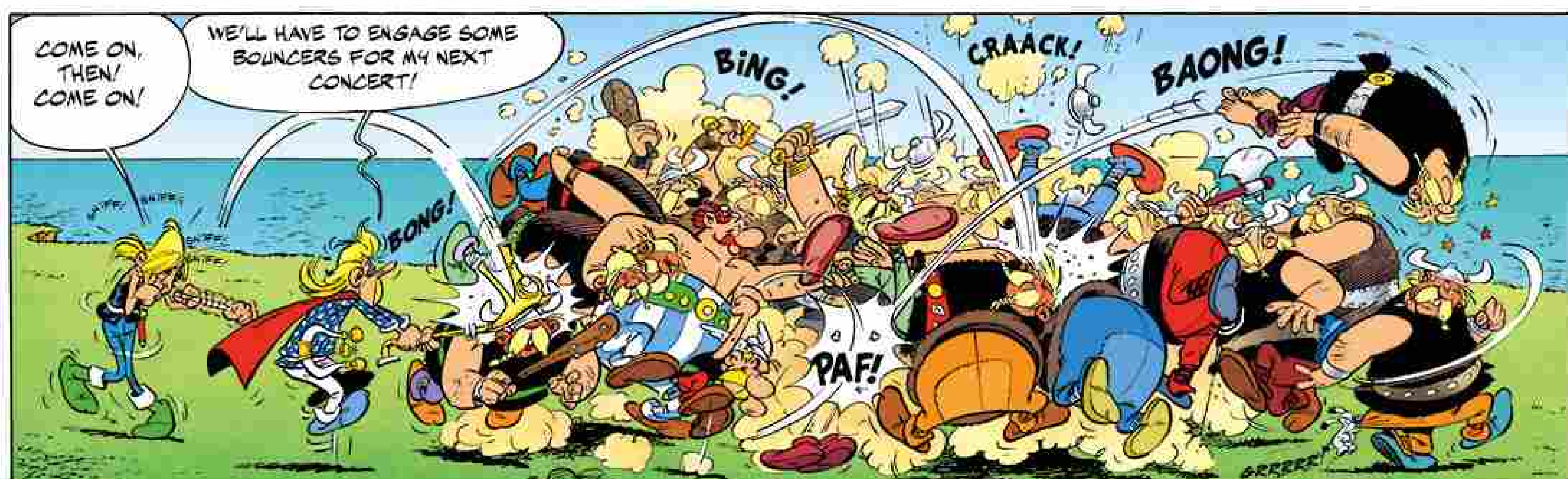


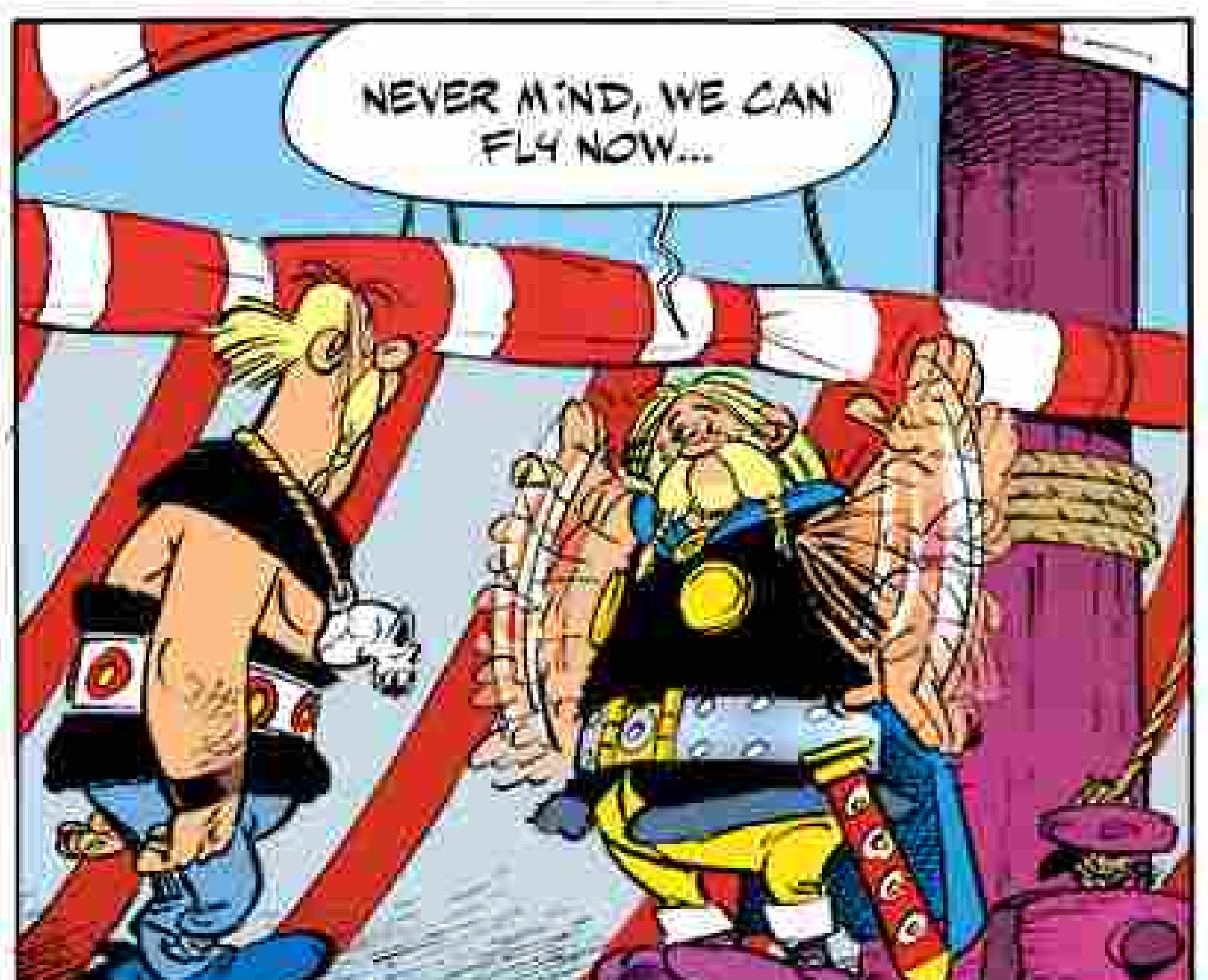
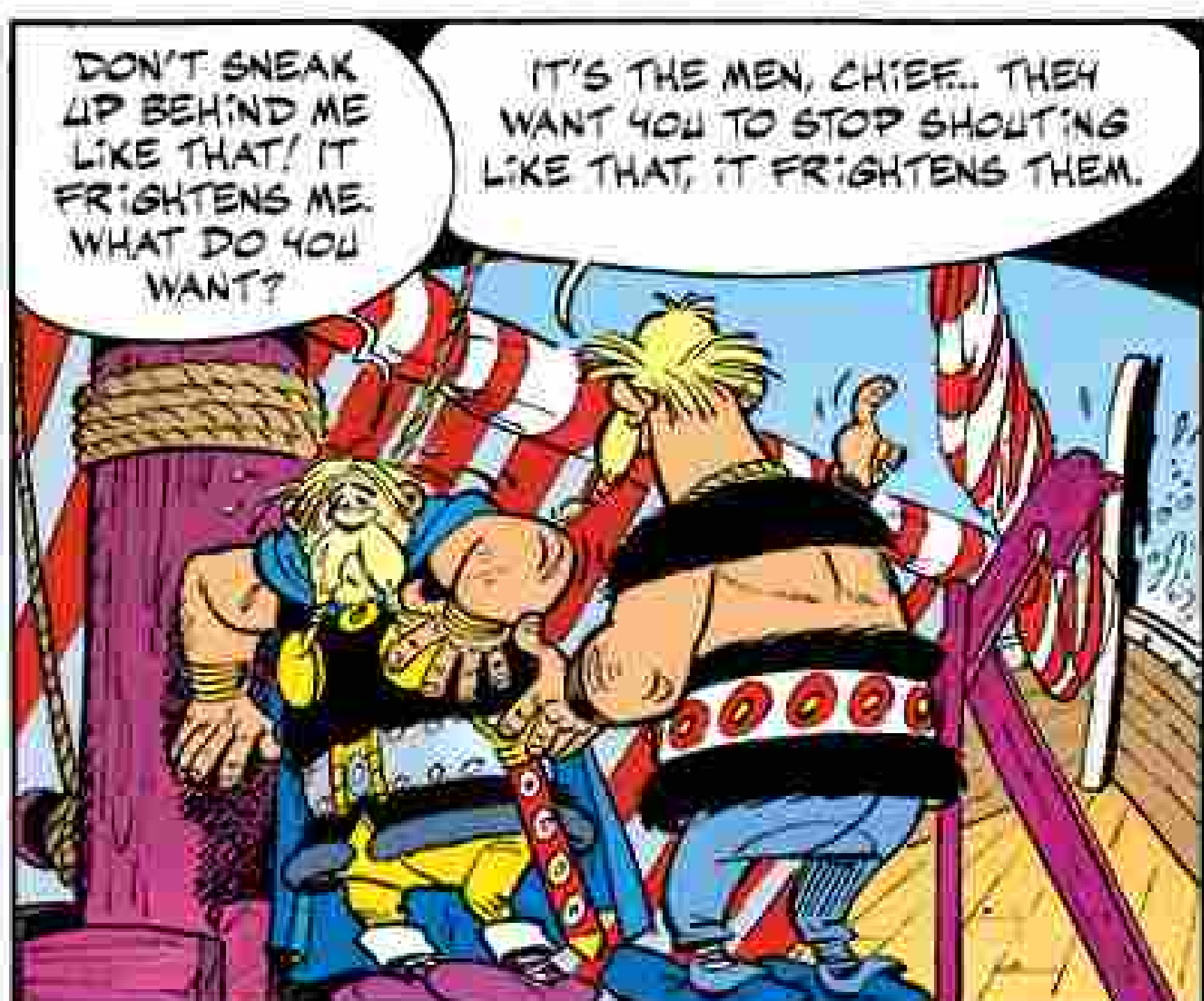
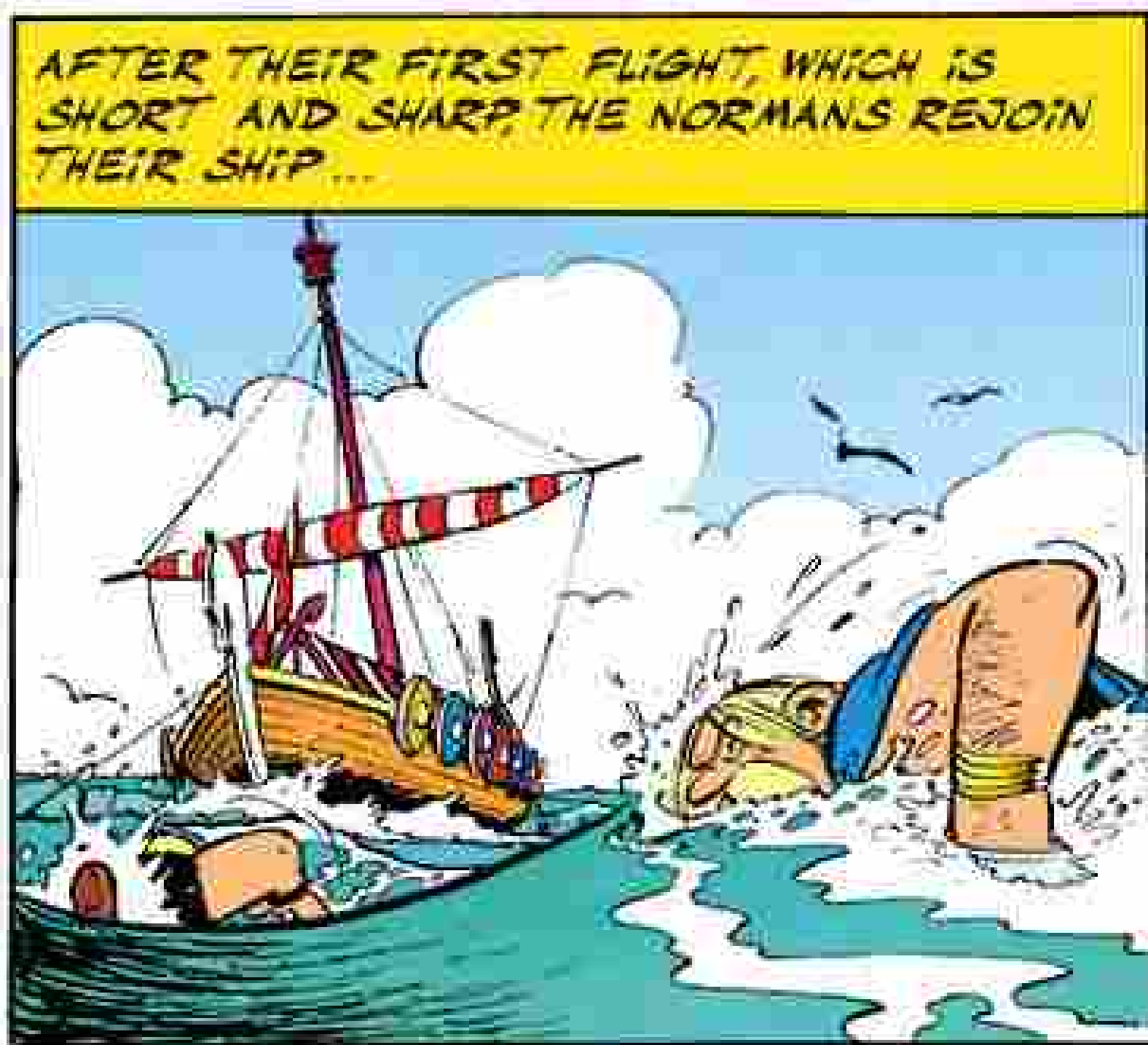
THE AUDIENCE MAY HAVE WARMED UP A BIT TOO MUCH...

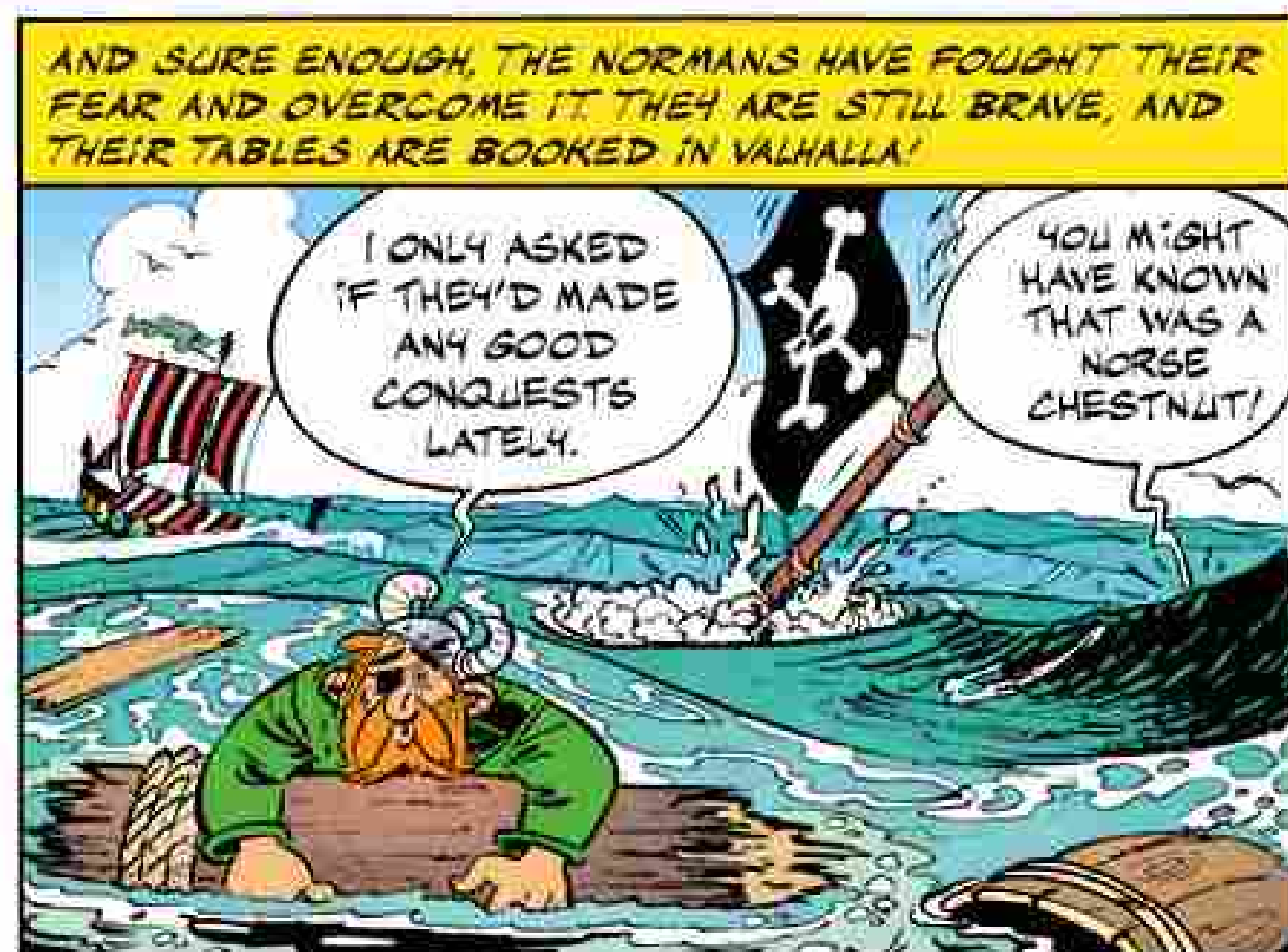
COME ON, THEN! WHO WANTS TO HAVE A GO?

OO, ARE WE GOING TO FIGHT? REALLY? BUT WHAT FOR?

I'LL EXPLAIN LATER.











I FEEL
A BIT WEAK,
GETAFIX ...

NO, OBELIX! YOU
ARE NOT HAVING ANY MAGIC
POTION! YOU KNOW VERY WELL
YOU FELL INTO THE CAULDRON
WHEN YOU WERE A BABY, AND
IT HAD A PERMANENT
EFFECT ON YOU!

A
Norman
invasion of
the Gaulish
village! But only
trendy teenager
Justforkix, visiting
from Lutetia, fears
them, for the Gauls
have their magic potion.
But the Normans
themselves want to
learn the meaning of fear:
can Asterix and his
friends teach them?
Another secret weapon is
brought into play . . . and at
long last the bard Cacophonix
wins the appreciation
due to him.

